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VAN SCOY, WAYNE AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE UNITED STATES

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SERVICE MARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER REGISTRATION ASSIGNED

VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE

VAN SCOY. WAYNE (UNITED STATES CITIZEN)
154 MUNDY STREET
WILKES-BARRE, PA (8702, BY ASSIGNMENT VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINES, INC. (PENNSYLVANIA CORPORATION) EDWARDSYILLE, PA

APPLICANT MAKES NO CLAIM TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "DIAMOND" APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN IN THE DRAWINGS, BUT RESERVES ANY COMMONIAW RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE THEREIN.

FOR: I RENDERING OF TECHNICAL AID AND ASSISTANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR OPERATION OF RETAIL JEWELRY STORES I, IN CLASS IS (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102). FIRST USE 5-26-1977; IN COMMERCE 5-26-1977.

FOR: RETAIL IEWELRY STORE SER-VICES, IN CLASS 42 (U.S. CL. 101). FIRST USE 11-0-1976: IN COMMERCE 3-11-1977. SER. NO. 73-169,527, FILED 54-1978.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of The Patent and Trademark Office to be affixed on Oct. 2, 2001.

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SERVICE MARK Principal Register

VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE

Van Scoy Diamond Mines, Inc. (Pennsylvania corporation)
Gateway Shopping Center
Edwardsville, Pa. 18704

For: RENDERING OF TECHNICAL AID AND ASSISTANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR OPERATION OF RETAIL JEWELRY STORES, in CLASS 35 (U.S. CL 101).

First use May 26, 1977; in commerce May 26, 1977.

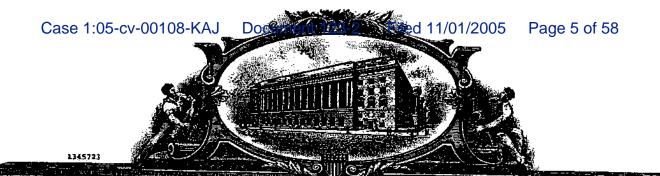
For: RETAIL JEWELRY STORE SERVICES, in CLASS 42 (U.S. Cl. 101).

First use Nov. 1976, in commerce Mar. 11, 1977.

Applicant makes no claim to the exclusive use of the word "Diamond" apart from the mark as shown in the drawings, but reserves any commonlaw rights it may have therein.

Ser. No. 169,527, filed May 8, 1978.

ROBERT PEVERADA, Primary Examiner



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APPLICANT MAKES NO CLAIM TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "DIAMOND" APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN, BUT RESERVES ANY COMMON LAW RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE THEREIN.

FOR: JEWELRY AND PRECIOUS STONES, IN CLASS 14 (U.S. CL. 28).

FIRST USE 3-(1-1977; IN COMMERCE 3-11-1977.

SER. NO. 73-169,526, FILED 5-8-1978.

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TRADEMARK Principal Register

VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE

Van Scoy Diamond Mines, Inc. (Pennsylvania corporation) Gateway Shopping Center Edwardsville, Pa. 18704

For: JEWELRY AND PRECIOUS STONES, in CLASS 14 (U.S. Cl. 28).

First use Mar. 11, 1977; in commerce Mar. 11, 1977;

Applicant makes no claim to the exclusive use of the word "Diamond" apart from the mark as shown, but reserves any common law rights it may have therein.

Ser. No. 169,526, filed May 8, 1978.

ROBERT PEVERADA, Primary Examiner

EXHIBIT B

IN THE UNITED SATATES DISTRICT COURT THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

WAYNE VAN SCOY

PLAINTIFF

C.A.NO. 05-108 (KAJ)

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VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE OF DELAWARE, INC., : KURT VAN SCOY AND DONNA VAN SCOY

DEFENDANTS

DECLARATION OF WAYNE VAN SCOY

- I, Wayne Van Scoy, declare and say as follows:
- I am the Plaintiff in this action. 1.
- The United States Patent and Trademark Office granted on October 21, 2. 1980 Federal Trademark Registration No. 1,140,711 for the mark "VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE" and granted on October 28, 1980 Federal Service Mark Registration No. 1,140,958 for the mark "VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE" (the "Marks at Issue") to my father's corporation Van Scoy Diamond Mine, Inc. Both Registrations are in full force and effect and have been made incontestable under Section 15 of the Trademark Act
- I acquired the Marks at Issue along with the Registrations and associated 3. good will pursuant to a settlement approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania by its Order of January 4, 2001. I have renewed the Registrations in my name. My corporation Rings of Romance, Inc. owns and operates a

jewelry store in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania under the mark "VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE."

- 4. Starting in the late 1970's until approximately 1993 my father's corporation Van Scoy Diamond Mine, Inc. licensed the Marks at Issue to jewelry stores along the East Coast of the United States. Individual licensees were licensed to operate Van Scoy Diamond Mine stores in geographic markets that were separate from the geographic markets of other licensees and from any stores operated personally by my father or his corporation.
- 5. In approximately 1993 my father (acting on behalf of his corporation) conveyed limited geographic rights to the Marks at Issue to several of his former licensees for use in limited geographic territories. In the context of the retail jewelry store business, these limited geographic territories were separate markets from each other.
- 6. Besides the license granted to my own corporation, Rings of Romance, Inc. d/b/a Van Scoy Diamond Mine, and the license granted to my brother-in-law, Rick Sendrick, there has been no other licensing of the Marks at Issue since 1993. I have since I became owner of the marks "VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE" overseen the operations of my licensees.
- 7. I have continuously used the marks "VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE" in connection with my retail jewelry store since the termination of Defendants' alleged license by my Cease and Desist Letter of November 18, 2004.
- 8. My predecessor used the marks "Van Scoy Diamond Mine" continuously between 1977 and 1993 in connection with his retail jewelry stores.

- My predecessor father filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy on September 23, 9. 1994 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.
- The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of 10. Pennsylvania forced the closure of the "VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE" store operated by my predecessor in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania between December 29, 1994 and November 1995. At all times during this period it was intended as soon as possible to reopen and continue operation as a "VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE." My corporation Rings of Romance, Inc. d/b/a VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE reopened the store in November 1995.
- Between September 17, 1999 and January 4, 2001 I along with several of 11. my family members were enjoined by order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania from use of the marks "VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE." I changed the name of my store to "VAN SCOY DIAMOND CENTER" after I was enjoined but at all times I intended to resume use of the name "VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE" as soon as I was permitted.
- I expended a great deal of effort and finances acquiring the marks "Van 12. Scoy Diamond Mine" along with their Registrations and associated goodwill pursuant to a settlement of the bankruptcy of my predecessor.
- I have used the marks "VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE" continuously 13. since January, 2001 in connection with my jewelry store in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on inter alia bags given to customers, jewelry boxes, sales receipts and in numerous radio advertisements.

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- I renewed the Registrations for the Marks at Issue in my own name by 14. applications in April 2001, the renewals being effective as of October, 2000.
- I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration unless 15. specifically indicated otherwise.

Wayne Van Scoy deposes and says that he is the Plaintiff in this matter; that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief, that statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, he declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 10-18-05

Wayne Van Scoy
Plaintiff

EXHIBIT C



In the Matter Of:

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v.
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C.A. # 05-108 (KAJ)

Transcript of:

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

WAYNE VAN SCOY,

Plaintiff,

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Civil Action No. 05-108 (KAJ)

VAN SCOY DIAMOND MINE OF DELAWARE, INC., KURT VAN SCOY and DONNA VAN SCOY,

Defendants.

Video deposition of KURT VAN SCOY taken pursuant to notice at the offices of Ashby & Geddes, 17th Floor, 222 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2005, before Anne L. Adams, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public.

APPEARANCES:

MICHAEL F. PETOCK, ESQ. MICHAEL C. PETOCK, ESQ. PETOCK & PETOCK 46 The Commons at Valley Forge 1220 Valley Forge Road Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19482-0856 for the Plaintiff,

CHARLES N. QUINN, ESO. FOX ROTHSCHILD 2000 Market Street, 10th Floor Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-3291 for the Defendants.

ALSO PRESENT: Wayne Van Scoy Donna Van Scoy

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Page 2 Page 4 1 VIDEO SPECIALIST: This is the videotaped 1 MR. F. PETOCK: We can do that later. deposition of Kurt Van Scoy taken by the plaintiff in the 2 MR. QUINN: We can go forward, but I would 3 matter of Wayne Van Scoy versus Van Scoy Diamond Mine of like to see that case. 4 Delaware, Incorporated, et al., held in the office of MR. PETOCK: Sure. No problem. Ashby & Geddes on July 26, 2005, at 10 a.m. 5 MR. F. PETOCK: There is definitely case law 6 The court reporter is Anne Adams from the 6 here in this district that holds that. 7 firm of Wilcox & Fetzer. My name is Lisa Bauer, a video 7 MR. OUINN: I would like to see it. specialist from Discovery Video Services, Incorporated, 8 BY MS. VAUGHAN: in association with Wilcox & Fetzer. 9 9 Q. During the deposition, I will, from time to time, 10 Counsel will now introduce themselves. 10 I will refer to your father, Thomas Van Scoy, Senior. 11 MR. PETOCK: Michael C. Petock for 11 12 plaintiff, Wayne Van Scov. 12 Q. Unless the context is clearly contrary, when I 13 MR. F. PETOCK: Michael F. Petock for refer to your father, I'm also referring to your father's 13 plaintiff, Wayne Van Scoy. 14 company, Van Scoy Diamond Mine, Inc. 15 MR. W. VAN SCOY: Wayne Van Scoy, plaintiff. 15. A. Okay, 16 MR. QUINN: Charles N. Quinn for the 16 Q. Do you understand the instructions as I have 17 defendants. 17 given them to you? 18 VIDEO SPECIALIST: The court reporter will 18 A. Yes. 19 now swear in the witness. 19 Q. You have taken an oath this morning under the 20 KURT VAN SCOY, penalty of perjury to tell the truth. Do you understand 20 21 the witness herein, having first been 21 that oath? 22 duly sworn on oath, was examined and 22 A. Yes, I do. 23 r testified as follows: 23 Q. Could you, please, you state your name and 24 **EXAMINATION** address for the record? Page 3 Page 5 1 BY MR. PETOCK: 1 A. Kurt Van Scoy, 820 Old Harmony Road, Newark, 2 Q. Good morning, Kurt. 2 Delaware. .3 A. Good morning. 3 Q. You're married to Donna Van Scoy; is that 4 Q. I'm going to ask you some questions today to see 4 correct? what you know about the facts giving rise to this A. Donna Marie Van Scoy, that's correct. lawsuit. If you don't understand a question, ask me to 6 Q. When did you two get married? 7 repeat it. If you don't understand the substance of a 7 A. July 31st, 1994. 8 question, tell me so I can rephrase it. If you realize 8 Q. Are you an owner of Van Scoy Diamond Mine of 9 that an earlier answer you gave was inaccurate or 9 Delaware, Inc.? incomplete, just let me know and you will be allowed to 10 10 A. I am the president. 11 go back and supplement your earlier answer. 11 Q. Who else has an ownership -- are you an owner? 12 During this deposition, you are not allowed 12 A. I am owner, yes. to consult with your attorney about the substance of the 13 13 Q. Who else has an ownership interest? 14 deposition. In other words, you can't talk to your 14 A. Actually, my wife is secretary. 15 attorney about the deposition testimony that you either 15 Q. And what percentage ownership do you have? have given or you anticipate to give. Do you understand 16 16 A. We are 50/50. 17 that? 17 Q. You have a 50 percent ownership and Donna has a 18 A. Yes.

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A. Yes.

A. Correct.

50 percent ownership interest?

Q. And you said you're president?

Q. Do you make the decisions for the corporation?

Q. So you authorize and approve the advertising of

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Q. That includes during recesses also.

MR. QUINN: I would to see it.

MR. QUINN: And what is your authority for

MR. PETOCK: We have a case. I can pull it

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the corporation?

- 2 A. Yes, I do.
- 3 Q. Do you authorize and approve what trade name to
- 4 use?
- A. I don't understand the question. 5
- 6 Q. Do you make the decisions as to what trade name 7 to use?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 MR. PETOCK: I would like to have this marked as Exhibit 1, please. 10
- 11 (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit No. 1, Meeting
- 12 Minutes of August 22, 1996, was marked for
- 13 identification.)
- 14 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 15 Q. Kurt, can you please tell me what you have in
- 16 front of you that has been marked Exhibit 1?
- 17 A. This is the minutes from a corporate meeting.
- 18 Q. Okay. I'm particularly interested in bullet point
- 19 Number 3, the trade name issues. What trade name issues
- were discussed in this corporate meeting? It was a 20
- 21 special meeting of the board of directors; is that
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. That would be correct.
- 24 Q. That took place on August 22nd, 1996?

1 A. Offhand, I don't know.

- Do you hold corporate meetings on a regular
- 3 basis?
- 4 A. We do once a year, twice a year sometimes, yes.
- 5 Q. Do you remember what trade name you were using at 6 the time in 1996, August 22nd?
 - MR. QUINN: Objection. Define trade name.
- 8 Q. Kurt, could you define trade name issues to what
- 9 it means to you today?
- 10 A. It's the name of my business.
- 11 Q. Which is what?
- 12 A. Van Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware, Incorporated.
- 13 Q. Is it the name you use in your advertising?
- 14 A. Actually, no.
- 15 Q. How is it different?
- 16 A. It's Van Scoy Diamond Mine. That's what my
- 17 father gave me.
- 18 Q. What do you mean your father gave you the name
- 19 Van Scoy Diamond Mine? Could you explain that to me?
- 20 A. I sure will. In 1994, prior opening of our
- business on November 12th, my father actually gave me the 21
- sign, literally gave me the sign, Van Scoy Diamond Mine,
- from our warehouse and actually brought that down to our
- location here in Delaware.

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- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. Could you, please, tell me what the trade name
- issues that were discussed were?
- 4 A. I don't remember.
- 5 O. You have no recollection of what trade name
- issues were discussed?
- 7 A. 1996, that's nine years ago. I don't remember.
- 8 Q. Would you — what did you mean by trade name 9 issues?
- 10 A. I don't remember.
- 11 Q. Is there any reason that you would have been
- 12 talking about trade name issues in 1996?
- 13 A. None whatsoever. I don't remember.
- 14 Q. Is it common for you to have discussed trade name
- issues at corporate meetings? 15
- 16 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Did you talk about trade name issues at your last 17
- corporate meeting?
- A. To be I don't recall, I don't know. 19
- 20 Q. You don't remember -- do you remember your last
- 21 corporate meeting?
- 22 A. Briefly, but I don't recall any issues about
- 23 trade name issues.
- 24 Q. When was your last corporate meeting?

- Q. What was the date that he gave you the sign that
- said Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 3 A. The exact date I can't recall. I know it was
- 4 roughly, probably, about a month prior to the November
- 5 12th. So I would have to say sometime in October.
- 6 Q. November 12th was the opening of your store?
- 7 A. That is correct.
- 8 Q. Does that sign still exist?
- 9 A. Absolutely.
- 10 Q. Is it on your store now?
- A. Yes, it is. 11
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- Q. Does it say Van Scoy or does it say Van Scoy
- 13 Diamond Mine?
- 14 A. It says Van Scoy Diamond Mine.
- 15 O. Where is that located on your store?
- 16 A. On the front of the store.
- 17 Q. Did your dad actually tell you you had permission
 - to the use the mark or did you infer that from the fact
- 19 that he gave you the sign?
- 20 A. He gave me the right to use that name.
- 21 Q. What did he say to you exactly?
- 22 A. Here's the sign. Good luck to you. I love you
- 2.3 very much and I'm proud of you.
- 24 Q. Getting back to the minutes, your testimony is

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Page 10 Page 12 that you have no recollection of what trade name issues A. Nine years ago, no. were discussed? Q. What other - any other documents exist as to 2 3 A. At that time, no. 3 what went on at this meeting? 4 Q. At this time no or at that time no? 4 A. No. 5 A. At that time - well, this time, no. 5 Q. You said you were the only person present at the 6 MR. QUINN: Clarify that. Is the question 6 meeting? 7 does he have any recollection now or what happened then? 7 A. Well, me, my accountant, he was present. And MR. PETOCK: Obviously, yes. 8 8 usually at my meetings, that's usually who is there. 9 BY MR. PETOCK: 9 Q. Donna isn't usually present? 10 Q. Do you have any recollection -10 A. Sometimes. 11 MR. QUINN: It sounded like you were asking Q. Where did this meeting take place? 11 whether he had recollection now of what's going on now as 12 A. I don't recall. Again, you are asking me opposed to recollections now of what went on then. 13 13 something nine years. I don't recall. BY MR. PETOCK: 14 Q. Was it at 1218 South Main? 14 Q. Your testimony is that you have no 15 15 A. Obviously, then that's where it would be. recollection --16 O. What is that location? What location is 1218 17 MR. QUINN: Let me get my objection out. 17 South Main in Wilkes-Barre? 18 MR. F. PETOCK: You are leading the witness. A. That would be -- I would ask the other attorney, 18 19 You are coaching the witness. 19 if I'm not mistaken, the attorney I had from back home. 20 MR. QUINN: I'm making an objection. 20 O. What was his name? 21 MR. F. PETOCK: Objection as to the form of 21 A. Argood, Pat Argood. 22 the question. That's all you're allowed to do. MR. PETOCK: I would like to have this 22 MR. QUINN: We didn't have any stipulations 23 23 marked as Exhibit 2. 24 on the record as far as the objections. If you want to 24 (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit No. 2, Cease Page 11 Page 13 put them on, that's fine. and Desist Letter, was marked for identification.) 2 MR. F. PETOCK: That's all you're allowed to 2 BY MR. PETOCK: 3 do, objection as to the form of the question. 3 O. Can you tell me what you have in front of you 4 MR. QUINN: All objections are reserved. 4 that has been marked as Exhibit 2? 5 correct? 5 A. A notification via filing a suit towards me for 6 MR. F. PETOCK: Except as to form of the 6 using the name Van Scov. question, right. 7 Q. I'm going to refer to this as a cease and desist 8 MR. QUINN: Except as to the form of the letter. Is that okay? Is that understood? 8 9 question, is that stipulated? 9 A. That's fine. 10 MR. PETOCK: Yes. 10 Q. Did you receive this cease and desist letter? 11 MR. QUINN: Okay. 11 A. Yes. 12 BY MR. PETOCK: 12 Q. Do you remember the approximate date that you 13 Q. Do you remember who was present at that meeting? 13 received it? 14 A. I don't. A. November the 18th, 2004. 14 15 Q. Who would have been present? Who is normally 15 Q. After you received the cease and desist letter, 16 present at a corporate meeting? did you continue to direct the acts of your corporation? 17 A. Myself -A. I did because I believe this was in disbelief. 17 18 MR. QUINN: Objection. That's two 18 Q. What do you mean you believe it was in disbelief? 19 questions. 19 A. I wasn't aware of a trademark, 20 BY MR. PETOCK: 20 Q. You weren't aware of -- what do you mean? Could 21 Q. Who is normally present at a corporate meeting? 21 you explain that further, you weren't aware of a 22 22 trademark? 23 Q. Is there anyone that would remember what trade 23 A. When I received this letter, this is the first

time I knew anything, certainly, about a trademark for

24 name issues were discussed?

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Page 14 Page 16 Van Scoy Diamond Mine. 1 you? 2 Q. So after you received this cease and desist 2 A. I believe so. letter, you continued to authorize and approve the 3 O. Did Mr. Quinn inform you that you had an advertising of the corporation? obligation to preserve evidence during this litigation, 5 A. I seeked counsel. 5 including electronic evidence such as your website? 6 Q. And you continued to author and approve -- is 6 MR. QUINN: Objection to the extent that 7 that a yes? 7 that asks for a question involving the attorney/client 8 A. That is a yes. 8 privilege. 9 Q. Did you continue to author and approve what 9 BY MR. PETOCK: trademark to use? Q. Did you review this letter when you got it? 10 11 A. Yes. 11 12 Q. And did you continue to authorize and approve the 12 Q. Did you know you had an obligation to preserve 13 design and publication of the website hosted at 13 evidence? vanscoydiamondmine.com? 14 A. Yes. A. After I seeked counsel, we agreed to, actually to 15 15 Q. Could you tell me why you have not turned over 16 shut it down until we find out the results. 16 any files related to your website hosted at 17 Q. Of this litigation? 17 vanscoydiamondmine.com? 18 A. Correct. 18 A. I don't understand the question. 19 Q. Did you review all of our requests for documents 19 Q. We have asked for documents related to your 20 that you have received during this discovery period? 20 website that was hosted at vanscoydiamondmine.com. You 21 21 did have a website at vanscoydiamondmine.com at one time, 22 Q. Have you produced everything that we have asked 22 correct? 23 for? 23 A. Correct. 24 MR. QUINN: The record's clear that we 24 Q. And, in fact, when you received your cease and Page 15 Page 17 produced representative samples in many cases. And we desist letter, that was where your website was hosted, invited you to come to the premises to make the copies. 2 correct? 3 MR. PETOCK: Okay. I'm going to ask Kurt to 3 A. Yes. 4 answer the questions. 4 MR. QUINN: Clarify the question. 5 MR. QUINN: Well, as best he can. 5 MR. PETOCK: Okay. 6 MR. PETOCK: Well, that doesn't mean you 6 MR. QUINN: You said that was where the 7 have the right to answer. If he can't, he can say he 7 website was hosted? doesn't know or something to that effect. 8 MR. PETOCK: He said yes. He said yes. I 9 MR. QUINN: He can say whatever he knows. 9 don't see why I need to clarify the question. 10 THE WITNESS: I don't know. 10 MR. QUINN: So I can understand it. 11 MR. PETOCK: I'm going to have this marked 11 MR. F. PETOCK: It's not for you - if the 12 as Exhibit 3, please. witness doesn't understand the question, he can say he 12 13 (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit No. 3, Letter 13 doesn't understand it. It's for the witness to 14 to Fox Rothschild Dated February 22, 2005, was marked for 14 understand the question. 15 identification.) MR. QUINN: Well, if I can't understand the 15 16 BY MR. PETOCK: 16 question, how can I advise this guy? 17 Q. Could you tell me what you have in front of you 17 MR. PETOCK: You're not advising him. 18 that's been marked as Exhibit 3? 18 MR. QUINN: I'm certainly going to advise 19 A. This is, obviously, the beginning of a suit for 19 him after this deposition is over. If I can't understand 20 using the name. what the question was when it was asked, I can't advise 20 21 Q. It's, actually, it's a letter addressed to your him after it's over. 21 22 lawyer, Charlie, correct? 22 MR. PETOCK: You can argue about that later. 23 A. Correct. 23 MR. QUINN: And we certainly will.

BY MR. PETOCK:

Q. Do you remember if this letter was forwarded to

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- Q. You said that you had a website hosted, that
- 2 there was a website that was hosted at
- 3 vanscoydiamondmine.com, that was where your website was,
- correct?
- 5. A. Yes.
- 6 MR. QUINN: Wait a minute. At
- 7 vanscoydiamondmine.com does not define a geographic
- 8
- 9. MR. PETOCK: It's not a geographic place.
- 10 It's a place on the internet.
- MR. QUINN: That's the inference that you 11
- 12 were trying to draw from the witness a minute ago.
- MR. PETOCK: Charlie, you know quite well 13 14 that that question is clear.
- MR. QUINN: If you clarify what you mean by 15
- at, then it's clear. But an ordinary listener reading
- that transcript could conclude that the question inquires
- as to whether the website was at the jewelry store. 18
- 19 MR. PETOCK: At vanscoydiamondmine.com is a
- 20 domain name.
- 21 MR. QUINN: That's correct,
- BY MR. PETOCK:
- 23 Q. You had a domain name vanscoydiamondmine.com?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- vanscoydiamondmine.com, any records of it destroyed?
- 2 A. I don't know. 3. Q. You don't know whether the records were
- destroyed?
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 Q. Okay. Could you tell me the names of your
- 7 brothers and sisters?
- 8 A. Sure will. Tommy Van Scoy, Sr. And, I'm sorry,
- 9 Junior. Tony Van Scoy, Betsy Williams, Pam Sendrick,
- Wayne Van Scoy, Ken Van Scoy, my deceased brother, Keith
- 11 Van Scoy, and myself, Kurt Van Scoy.
- 12 Q. Can you tell me where Tommy Van Scoy lives, Tommy
- 13 Van Scoy, Jr.?.
- 14 A. In Dallas, Pennsylvania.
- 15 Q. He owns a jewelry store by the name of Tovon; is
- 16 that correct?
- 17 A. Correct,
- 18 Q. That's approximately an eighth of a mile from
- 19 where Wayne's store is located right now; is that
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. I believe so:
- 22 Q. So he's in direct competition with Wayne's store?
- 23 A. I would say so.
- 24 Q. You helped finance Tommy opening up his jewelry

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- Q. And your website was hosted at
- vanscoydiamondmine.com. Yes?
- 3 A. I still don't understand the question.
- 4 Q. You understood it before.
- 5 A. I know, but something - I don't understand the
- question.
- 7 Q. If someone is surfing the internet, was to type
- in vanscoydiamondmine.com, www.vanscoydiamondmine.com,
- your website would show up on their computer; is that
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Now, we asked for you to give is a printout of
- that website. You did not produce that.
- 14 A. That's something I needed to talk to counsel.
- 15 Q. No, I'm asking you. We asked you to produce it
- but did you not produce it. Could you tell me why it
- wasn't produced? Was that website destroyed?
- 18 MR. QUINN: How many questions are you going
- 19 to ask at one time?

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- THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 21 MR. QUINN: Don't answer until he decides
- 22 which question you're to answer.
- BY MR, PETOCK:
- Q. Was the website that we are talking about,

- store; is that correct?
- 2 A. No.
- 3. Q. Did you cosign in some way on the loan?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. In any way?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Did you help him, in any way, opening his jewelry
- 8 store?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. When was the last time you have spoken to Tommy?
- 11 A. Yesterday actually.
- 12 Q. What did you guys speak about yesterday?
- 13 A. How's things going? What's going on? How's the
- 14 kids?
- 15 Q. Do you guys have any sort of business
- 16 relationship at all?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Do you supply him with anything?
- 19 A. Absolutely not.
- 20 Q. Have you -- do you send him things?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 MR. PETOCK: I would like to have this
- 23 marked as the next exhibit.
- 24 (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit No. 4, UPS

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Invoices, was marked for identification.)

BY MR. PETOCK:

Q. You just testified that you do not send Tommy Van Scoy anything. Could you tell me what you have in front of you?

MR. QUINN: I think that's a mischaracterization of his testimony.

MR. PETOCK: All you need to say is objection. You stipulated to the fact that objecting to the form of the question is the only objection you need. You are coaching the witness. You are instructing the deposition.

13 MR. QUINN: Well, if it's a

14 mischaracterization, that's a pretty specific objection 15 as to the form.

MR. PETOCK: You are coaching the witness by 16 17 saying that. There is no question about it. And I know 18 this. I mean, I even know this.

19 How am I mischaracterizing his testimony 20 when I asked when he said --

MR. QUINN: He hadn't answered the question.

He just restated what he said in the answer.

23 BY MR. PETOCK:

24 Q. Could you tell me what this is? 1

2 Q. The UPS billing summary on the third page, if you

3 look at this third page, this one was actually something

was sent from Tovon and Company in DuPont, PA, and the

receiver was Kurt.

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. Can you tell me what that was?

8 A. I don't recall.

9 Q. On February 12th, 2005, you can't remember

10 receiving anything from Tommy?

A. No.

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12 Q. Do you receive many things in the mail or through

13 courier services from Tommy?

14 A. Many? No.

15 O. How often?

16 A. If I'm up there, I forget something, he'll send

17 it down to me. I get packages from my other brothers, my

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19 Q. And yet — so it's not that afternoon that you

20 can't remember February 12th, 2005, what he sent to you?

21 A. What was sent to me, no.

22 Q. Let's look at the FedEx on the billing receipt.

23 Do you remember this? Do you agree that this FedEx

billing summary shows something being sent from Van Scoy

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MR. QUINN: You can have the answer read

back. You can have the question read back.

BY MR. PETOCK:

4 Q. Could you tell me what has been marked as:

Plaintiff's Exhibit 4, please?

6 A. Sure. This, obviously, if you are talking about

7 business related stuff, I have to say no. I know there is times he stayed down and, actually, stuff that was

9 left at my house from his kids I know we shipped back to

10 his place.

11 Q. Could you answer the question? I said: What is

12 this?

13 A. It's a shipping, billing/shipping paper.

14 Q. And what was -- is there a shipment from you to

15 Tommy or to Tovon?

A. No. There is a name on there. It says Lori

17 McMichael.

18 Q. Above Lori McMichael, what does it say?

19 A. It says Van Scoy Diamond Mine.

20 Q. What's the address of the Van Scoy Diamond Mine?

21 A. 1117 Churchmans Road.

22 Q. Is that your Van Scoy Diamond Mine?

23 A. Yes, it is.

Now, this is the UPS billing summary.

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Diamond Mine in Newark, Delaware, at 1117 Churchmans Road

2 to Tommy on February 25th, 2004, at Toyon and Company?

3 A. Again, that's - yes.

4 Q. You don't remember what you sent him; is that

5 your testimony?

6 A. There is a name there, Lori. I'm not Lori.

7 Q. Are you in charge of Lori? Is she your employee?

A. She's an employee.

9 MR. QUINN: That's two questions. Ask them

10 one at a time, please.

11 BY MR. PETOCK:

12 Q. Is she your employee?

13 A. Yes.

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14 Q. Would you have directed her to send something to

15 Tommy or would you have directed something - would you

16 have directed her to send something to Tommy?

17 A. Sure, yeah.

18 Q. She wouldn't have just sent it on her own?

19 A. No. If he left something there, yeah, send it,

20 just send it back.

21 Q. How often does Tommy come to your store?

22 A. He comes to my residence. Maybe half a dozen

23 times through the year roughly.

24 Q. Your testimony is that you can't remember what

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1		sent to him on February 25th.			1	A.	It's a nursing home in Binghamton, New York.
2	A.	No.			2	Q.	
3		MR. QUINN: That's not a			3.	A.	That's correct. As far as I know.
4		You can't remember what yo	u sent to him	on	4	Q.	And you haven't talked to her any time recently?
5	Febr	ıary 25th.			5		No.
6		MR. QUINN: That's still r	ot a question		6	Q.	What about her husband?
7	Q.	Can you remember what you	sent to him o	n February	1 7	_	No.
8	25th?	?		•	8	Q.	Is Betsy sick right now?
9		No.			9		Yes.
10		Do you have aspirations of or	ae day ownin	g the	10	Q.	Did she have an occupation before she got sick?
11		dy Street store?		_	11		She did.
12	A. ,	No.			12	Q.	What was that?
1.3		Does Tommy?			13	Ä.	Ran the jewelry store, Van Scoy Diamond Mine, in
1.4		I'm not Tommy. I can't answ			14		hamton, New York.
15		Have you ever heard Tommy	say that one	day I'll	15	Q.	How did you know the name was Van Scoy Diamond
16		the Mundy Street store?			16		
17		Not to my knowledge.			17	A.	I have been there.
18	Q.	Are you aware of him ever sa	ying that to a	nyone	18	Q.	When was the last time you were there?
19	else?				19	A.	We go back about 12 years, probably 12, 13 years.
20	A.	No. I live in Delaware.			20	Q.	When do you believe she stopped running the
21	Q.	Where does Tony live?			21		
22		Tony, Forty Ft., Pennsylvania	t.		22	A.	I don't know.
23		What's his occupation?			23	Q.	Approximately?
24	Α.	Jeweler.			24	A.	I den't know.
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1	Q.	What is does he have a stor	e?		1	O.	Was it 13 years ago?
2	A.	He does.			2		I don't know.
3	Q.	Does he own the store?			3		Why were you at the store 13 years ago?
4		I don't know. I don't know.			4		Because that was my job. I had to go to the
5	Q.	Do you know what the name	of the store is	?	5		to work.
6		I think it's Van Scoy Jewelers			6	0.	Did you work there?
7	Q.	Do you know how long he ha	s either owne	d or	7		I worked for a weekend or a couple days to fill
8		ted that store?			8	in fo	r her. Sure.
9	A.	I don't know. 25 years rough!	y.		9	Q.	Did your father own that store or
10	_	Continuously?			1.0	Ã.	
1.1		I don't know that.			11	Q.	
12	Q.	Are you friendly with Tony?			12	À.	
13		I speak to him.			13	Q.	
14		How often?			14	À.	
15	A.	Maybe once every other day.	He's my brot	her.	15		Are you friendly with her?
16		What have you spoken to him			16	À.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
17	case?	-			17	Q.	Are you friendly with her?
18	A.	Not much.			18	Ã.	She's my sister.
19	Q.	What specifically?			19	Q.	Are you friendly with Wayne?
20	Α.	Just what's going on? Being s	ued by my b	other,	20	Ā.	No. Not right now, no.
21		e. That's all.	* :	-	21	Q.	Is he your brother?
	Q.	Nothing more specific?			22	Ã.	Yes, he is:
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- Q. How often do you talk to her?
- 2 A. Oh, God, once a week, if that.
- 3 Q. What have you discussed with her concerning this 4 case?
- 5 A. Actually, nothing. We are just more trying to
- 6 collect funds from everybody for my father's funeral and
- 7 his personal stuff that was not around.
- Q. Has Pam ever owned a jewelry store or been in the 9 iewelry business?
- 10 A. Yeah. Her and her husband own a store in
- 11 Scranton, Pennsylvania.
- 12 Q. So she's not just a housewife. She also owns a
- 13 store?
- 14 A. Well, her husband runs the store. She stays
- 15 home.
- Do you have knowledge as to whether she owns that
- 17 store?
- 18 A. I believe she does have part ownership of that
- 19 store, yes.
- 20 Q. Who else would be an owner? Do you know?
- 21 A. Her husband, Rick Sendrick.
- 22 Q. Are you friendly with Rick?
- 23 I speak to him once in a while.
- Q. What have you spoken with him -- have you spoken 24

Q. Did your father put anything in writing when he

- gave you the name?
- 3 A. I have things in writing. As a contract, there
- 4 was no contract. It was just he gave me the name and
- 5 said, good luck, I love you and I'm proud of you. 6
- Q. And the approximate date that you said he gave 7 you the name was in October of 1994; is that correct?
- 8 Approximately that date, yes.
- 9 O. Could it have been later?
- 10 A. No.

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- Q. Could it have been earlier? 11
- 12 A. Within a month I guess.
- 13 Q. Now, when he supposedly gave you the name -
- 14 A. Gave me the name.
- 15 Q. – you knew he was bankrupt, right?
 - I knew he was going through a tough time with
- that. Sure. Yes. 17
- 18 Q. One other question I want to ask you about Pam
- 19 and Rick's store is what mark is that. Do you know?
- 20 What mark are they using?
- 21 A. Van Scoy Diamonds. Well, the phone book say Van
- 22 Scoy Diamond Mine. The store says Van Scoy Diamonds.
- 23 Q. Have you seen the store recently?
- 24 A. I have not.

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- to him about this case?
- A. Briefly a little bit, yeah.
- 3 Q. What did you guys talk about?
- 4 A. Off the top - I don't recall. Just in general.
- Q. When you say in general, what did you talk about?
- A. Still in disbelief and wonder where his stocks.
- are and how ridiculous it really is. And that's really
- just in general.
- Q. Are you the one that thinks it's ridiculous?
- 10 A. Everybody does.
- 11 Q. What do you think is ridiculous?
- 12 A. The whole situation we're in.
- 13 O. Which is what?
- A. Being sued for using a name that was given to me.
- Q. Is that the reason why you believe do you
- 16 believe you have a right to use the mark Van Scoy Diamond
- 17. Mine?
- 18 A. Absolutely.
- 19 Q. Are you using the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And the reason you believe that you have the
- 22 right to use - why do you believe, specifically, you
- have the right to use the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- A. Because my father gave me the name.

- 1 Q. Do you know which one it is, which mark, whether
- 2 it's Van Scoy Diamond Mine or Van Scoy Diamonds. 3 A. No. As far as I know, it's Van Scoy Diamonds
- that's outside the store itself. In the phone book it
- 5 says Van Scoy Diamond Mine.
- 6 Q. Where does Ken live?
- 7 A. He, actually, just got a new place. I'm not sure
- what the address is of where Ken lives right now.
- 9 Q. What is his occupation?
- 10 A. He just, actually, works for my sister around the
- 11 house. He's just kind of doing some yard work for her.
- 12 O. Which sister?
- 13 A. Pam.
- 14 Q. Are you friendly with Ken?
- 15 A. Yes. He's my brother.
- 16 Q. How often do you talk to him?
- 17 A. Just about every day.
- 18 Q. What have you discussed with him concerning the
- 19 case.
- 20 A. Pretty much the same as everybody else, just in
- 21 general, just what's going on, what's next and all that.
- 22 Q. What kind of relationship did you have with your
- 23 father?
- 24 Very good actually.

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Q. Would you care to elaborate on that at all? 1 2

MR. QUINN: Is that a question or not?

3 MR. PETOCK: Yes, it is.

THE WITNESS: I don't understand it. What

5 do you mean?

6 BY MR. PETOCK:

Q. Would you like to tell me more about your

relationship with your father? 9

A. He's my father. I'm his son. I was his youngest

son. He taught me the business. I ran, managed the

stores in Connecticut, Hartford. Traveled between 11

12 Springfield, Hartford and New Haven since I was.

actually, out of school. And just did the business my

whole life. Used to go with him when I was about 12, 13

years old to the radio stations, sit there and watch him

for about an hour-and-a-half make ads. Had a good time

17 with my father. He was a caring guy, respectful and was

a man of his word. And I miss him. He's a great guy.

19 Q. You said you traveled to Hartford.

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. Why did you travel the Hartford?

22 A. Hartford, Springfield, because that where the

stores were. He had stores up in the New England area.

And I managed the one in New Haven Connecticut for three

years.

2 Q. Did you travel -- have you visited all of those

New England stores?

A. Just those three. I was in Providence, Rhode

Island, with my dad when he used to go up to see the 5

franchises.

7 Q. How often did your dad go to visit the

franchises?

9 A. I can't recall.

10 Q. But you would go with him sometimes?

11 A. Sometimes I would go. Sure. I had no other

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Q. What would you do when you would visit these 13

14 franchises? By the way, when I say the word "franchise,"

15 I'm not sure whether it was a franchise or not. I just

mean the fact that your father licensed the mark.

17 A. It was a franchise, yes.

18 Q. What would you do when you go to these stores

19 with your father?

20 A. He would sit down talk with somebody. I'd

probably go grab something to eat. I was young. That's

one place you don't want to certainly be. 22

23 Q. What years did this take place that you were

24 visiting your father's franchises?

A. '80, '81 to - oh, God. I went to Connecticut in

2 '83. I would say early '80s, early '80, 1980, 1981.

3 Q. What was your position with the company at this 4 point?

5 A. Garbage man, salesman, bench guy, light bulb

changer, car washer, wash the windows, everything. 6

7 Q. Was Wayne also traveling with your father to meet 8 with franchises during this time?

A. I don't recall to be honest with you.

10 Q. Do you recall any of your other brothers and

11 sisters traveling to franchises?

12 A. Some of them. We all did once in a while,

13 Q. Did you go to anywhere else besides New England

14 to visit the franchises?

15 A. I did actually.

16 Q. Where else?

17 A. To the franchise down in Clear Water, Florida.

18 Q. Did your father frequently visit the franchises?

19 A. He made his rounds. Again, at that time, I was

20 young. I wanted to go play at the park instead of being

at work. 21

22 Q. What was he doing making these rounds?

23 A. Checking on the stores. My recollection, is he

24 was checking on the stores and seeing what's going on

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and, obviously, trying to maintain the mark.

2 Q. What kind of relationship did you have with Wayne

3 before the lawsuit?

4 A. Well, do you want me to be honest?

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A. I'm going to be honest. Not good. I remember

7 him from when I was a little kid. I will never forget

8 one example. I was riding a bicycle down Hamilton Park.

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And there was about 30 people sitting across a lot that

10 they blocked the roads off. And Hamilton Park was the 11

place to hang, if you will. And I remember I had a bike.

And I had the choppers. I cut the forks off of one and I

13 slid it on the other one and I'm running down. And, boy,

14 I'm running popping a wheelie. You know, I'm cool in

15 front of everybody when I was a kid. The tire came off.

16 I fell. Scraped up. Everybody comes over. Are you

okay? Are you okay? Are you okay? He comes over. 17

Slaps me in the head. Get on with it, quote, unquote, 18

asshole. You're cool. That's just the beginning. I'm 19

20 going to go on.

21 Later on just growing up, he's just been

22 very -- I'm going to leave it at that.

23 Q. He's your big brother?

24 A. Middle.

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Q. Where did you live growing up? 1

- A. 360 Joseph Drive, Kingston, Pennsylvania, 18704. 2
- O. Over the years, where else have you lived besides 3
- 4 that?
- 5 A. New Haven, Connecticut.
- Q. When did you move originally from Wilkes-Barre?
- Or from Kingston, is that where it was?
- A. Kingston, yes. Kingston, when did I move? I
- moved to, New England, actually, to Orange, Connecticut.
- And that was in, I think it was 1983 to run the store in
- New Haven for my dad.
- 12 Q. Was your dad the owner of the New Haven,
- 13 Connecticut, store?
- A. Yes, he was. 14
- Q. Just for the record, what business was your 15
- 16 father in?
- 17 The diamond business.
- Did he primarily hold himself out as a diamond 18
- 19 dealer?
- 20 A. He did, the diamond king.
- O. And was that all he sold, diamonds? 21
- 22 A. Diamonds, diamonds, jewelry.
- 23 Q. Diamonds and jewelry?
- 24 A. And jewelry, yeah. I'm sorry. Yeah, diamonds

A. Not in a while. I, actually, I forgot to take

- 2 it on vacation. I wanted to, actually, review it again.
- O. From what you remember, do you agree with the 3.
- statements he makes regarding the diamond business in the 4
- 5 book?

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- 6 A. I don't recall.
 - Q. Was your father incorporated?
- A. To be honest, I didn't know until, actually, just 8
- 9 seeing the statements. Again, I don't know that he was
- actually incorporated until I saw the filing of the 10
- 11 papers.
- 12 Q. Which papers are you referring to?
- A. To the lawsuit. 13
- 14 Q. You never saw - did you ever see any of the
- 15 sales receipts or invoices or anything when you were
- working for the business? 16
- 17 A. Yeah, you do.
- 18 Q. Describe to me exactly what you did when you were
- working for the business for your father. That was 19
- during what years? I'm going to ask you that first. 20
- 21 What years did you work for your father's business?
- A. I started when I was, personally, I started when 22
- 23 I was about 10 years old. So I'm 39. Geez, 29 years
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- and jewelry.
- Q. Was it primarily diamonds? 2
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. How did you father get into the diamond business?
- A. He's, actually, he was a lieutenant in the Army,
- from what remember him telling me, lieutenant in the
- 7 Army. And he saw another gentleman going around the
- barracks, actually, fixing watches. And the other guys
- 9 would go out and hit the bars and all that and my father
- would stay with this guy and go to different soldiers and 10
- actually watch this guy fix watches. And then he started 11
- doing it himself. And he got out of the service after
- World War II. And he came home. He wasn't sure what he 13
- was going to do. So he said he's going to be Tommy
- Van Scoy, the GI jeweler. The rest is history from 15
- 16 there.
- 17 Q. He wrote a book, right?
- 18 A. Yes, he did.
- 19 O. What is the name of that book?
- 20 A. You Can If You Want to. It's a copyright there.
- 21 Q. Have you read it?
- 22 A. Bits and pieces of it I have, yeah, bits and
- 23 pieces.
- Q. You haven't read the entire thing?

- 1 Q. 29 years ago?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3. Q. So early '80s, '70s, early '80s?
- 4 A. Oh, yeah.
- 5 Q. Mid '80s?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 O. Up until probably early '90s?
- 8 A. Yeah. I was in and out, in and out, yes.
- 9 And during that time, '70s to the early '90s,
- 10 what did you do in your father's business? I know you
- said you took out trash, but tell me what else. 11
- 12 A. That's what we did. I set earrings, set rings,
- sold rings. I'd run errands to the post office, anything 13
- and everything. It was a family business. And we all 14
- ran it as a family and did everything we had to do.
- 16 Q. Did you ever get involved with any of the
- 17 ordering or anything like that, ordering of the
- 18 merchandise?
- 19 A. No, not so much. Later on as I was doing more of
- a selling up front, I would sit down sometimes and kind 20
- of get a little more involved in what stones we needed 21
- 22 and what stones we didn't need.
- O. Any of the accounting or anything like that? 23
- A. The accounting wise, no. My brother Keith did 24

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it. And I was pretty much there's papers, file them. So

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3 Q. Your father owned a store in Wilkes-Barre; is

that correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Did he own other stores?

7 A. Yes, he did.

8 O. Where else?

9 A. Springfield; Hartford, Connecticut; New Haven,

Connecticut; at the time, Binghamton, New York; Scranton;

Wilkes-Barre and Delaware.

12 O. Could you repeat them, please?

13 A. Wilkes-Barre; Scranton; Delaware; Binghamton, New

14 York; Springfield, Massachusetts; Hartford, Connecticut

and New Haven, Connecticut.

16 Q. Do you remember what years he owned those stores?

17 A. I don't. This is early '80s.

18 Q. What mark did your father operate those stores

19 under?

20 A. The name was Van Scoy Diamond Mine.

21 Q. How did he come up with the name Van Scoy Diamond

22 Mine?

23 A. Very creative.

24 Q. Do you think that's a creative name? 1 owned stores?

> 2 A. Yes. At the time, yes.

3 Q. Were they popular ads, to your knowledge, in the

areas in which he owned stores?

5 A. He advertised quite a bit. Sure.

6 Q. Did he advertise in the Newark, Delaware, area?

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8 Q. Do you remember anything specifically about those

9 ads?

10 A. Just ads are ads.

11 Q. Do you know how much he advertised in Newark?

12 A. No, no idea.

13 Q. You said your father had what you described as

14 franchises.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Could you tell me what your understanding of the

word "franchise" is?

18 A. Yeah. Actually, they were, purchased the name or

19 using the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine and actually was all

done on a handshake with my father. And he, actually,

21 put them up in an area and start them in the business and

22 my father would do the advertising for them.

23 Q. So they would - do you know how much these

24 people paid to use the mark?

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1 A. Well, I mean, he's a creative guy. That's

what -- he's a creative guy. It's just creative. I

don't personally know.

Q. Do you know when he started to use Van Scoy 4

5 Diamond Mine?

A. No. I don't.

Q. Did your father advertise the mark Van Scoy

Diamond Mine?

A. He advertised Van Scoy Diamond Mine, yes.

10 Q. How did he advertise?

A. I don't understand the question. 11

12 Q. Radio, television?

13 A. Radio, television, newspaper, yes.

14 Q. Do you remember anything about his

15 advertisements?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What do you remember about his advertisements?

18 A. He's very stern in his advertising. How to take

19 his jewelry off. I remember I used to go with him to the

radio station when I was young. And he had to his rings

21 off and everything because he was actually, they were

picking up on the mike. And he was very -- just as if

23 he's talking to 10,000 people, very distinct advertising. Q. Did he advertise in all of those areas where he

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A. That's personal information. I don't know.

2 Q. Did they pay money to use the mark?

3 A. As far as I know.

4 Q. Did all of the franchisees or licensees operate

under the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine?

A. That I don't know.

7 Q. But what they were paying for was the right to

use the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine; is that correct? 8

9 A. I don't know. I'm not my father. I don't know.

10 Q. What else would they have been paying for?

11 MR. QUINN: Calls for speculation on the

12 part of the witness.

MR. PETOCK: There is no problem with that.

14 MR. F. PETOCK: Objection. You are leading.

15 the witness.

16 MR. QUINN: Again, I state, restate the

17 objection.

18 MR. PETOCK: You are leading the witness,

19 Charlie, when you say that. You are coaching him.

20 MR. QUINN: You started the deposition by 21 saying you were going to ask him for the facts that he

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knew about this case. Now you are asking him to

23 speculate. That is a shift of gears.

24 BY MR. PETOCK:

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1 Q. Is there anything else you can think of besides

- 2 the right to use the name that they were paying for?
- A. No.

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- Q. How did your father decide where to open up a new
- 5 licensee or franchise?
- 6 A. I don't know.
- Q. Would be open up two stores in the same market,
- 8 same area very close together?
- 9 A. I don't know.
- 10 Q. Did he open up two stores in the same market?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 MR. F. PETOCK: Could you speak up a little
- 13 bit?

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- THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- MR. F. PETOCK: I'm not sure the court
- 16 reporter —
- 17 THE WITNESS: That's okay. No problem.
- 18 Sorry.
- MR. PETOCK: We are going to take a break
- 20 for five minutes.
- 21 VIDEO SPECIALIST: This ends Tape Number 1
- 22 of the video deposition of Kurt Van Scoy. The time is
- 23 10:52.
- 24 (Thereupon, a short recess was had.)

1 opinion?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Did you have knowledge of the fact that do you
- 4 have knowledge of the fact that the mark Van Scoy Diamond
- 5 Mine is federally registered?
- 6 A. No.

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- Q. I asked you I will repeat the question.
- 8 Do you have knowledge of the fact that the
- 9 mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine is federally registered?
- 10 A. No, until now.
- 11 Q. Do you know now that the mark Van Scoy Diamond
- 12 Mine is federally registered?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. When did you first become aware of this?
- 15 A. November the 18th of 2004.
- 16 Q. How did you become aware of it that day?
- 17 A. From a letter from your office or your dad's.
- 18 office.
- 19 Q. What did you do after you received the cease and
- 20 desist letter of November 18th, 2004?
- 21 A. Seeked counsel.
- 22 Q. Who did you contact to be your counsel?
- 23 A. It was actually in Wilmington. Someone -- it was
- 24 just a brief encounter with counsel in Wilmington. And

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- 1 VIDEO SPECIALIST: This is Tape Number 2 of
- 2 the video deposition of Kurt Van Scoy. The time is
- 3 11:04.
- 4 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 5 Q. Kurt, did you speak with your attorney about any
- 6 of your deposition testimony during the break?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Okay. Getting back to your father's companies,
- 9 franchises or licensees, did you know that they were
- 10 paying to use, paying for the right to use the mark Van
- 11 Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 12 A. I don't know.
- 13 Q. Did you think that they were getting the right to
- 14 use the mark for free?
- 15 A. I don't know. I can't answer for my father's --
- 16 Q. I'm asking what you thought.
- 17 A. I don't know.
- 18 Q. Did you assume that they were paying for the
- 19 right to use the mark?
- 20 A. I don't know,
- 21 Q. Did you assume that your father was giving them
- 22 the right to use the mark as an act of charity for free?
- 23 A. I don't know.
- Q. Was your father a good businessman in your

- then I actually went to Fox Rothschild.
- 2 Q. Counsel in Wilmington you said?
- 3 A. Yes.

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- 4 Q. Did they do any work for you?
 - A. No, just had conversation.
- 6 Q. Did they produce any documents for you or
- 7 anything or do anything for you in that regard, give you
- 8 anything?
- 9 A. No, not that I recall.
- 10 Q. Are you aware of anyone operating a jewelry store
- 11 under the mark of Van Scoy Diamond Mine at this time
- 12 other than yourself and Wayne?
- 13 A. I don't understand the question. I'm sorry.
- 14 Q. Are you aware of anyone operating a Van Scoy
- 15 Diamond Mine jewelry store, or any other store for that
- 16 matter, at this time other than yourself and Wayne?
- 17 A. If you are saying the question is Van Scoy
- 18 Diamond Mine?
- 19 O. That's correct.
- 20 A. The only thing I know, in the Scranton store in
- 21 the newspaper it says Van Scoy Diamond or in the phone
- 22 book, not the store itself, it says Van Scoy Diamonds.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. If the question to that would be if it's just

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- Wayne and I using that, as far as I know, I would say,
- yeah, I'm aware of that, just him and I.
- Q. Just you and him? 3
- A. Correct. 4
- 5 Q. Are you aware of anyone operating a jewelry store
- under any mark containing the word "Van Scoy" other than
- yourself and Wayne?
- 8 A. Yes, I am.
- Q. Could you go through everyone that you are aware,
- please, using any -10
- 11 A. Variation?
- 12 Q. Well, the "Van Scoy" in connection with a jewelry
- 13 store.
- 14 A. Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Q. What do you know about the Charlotte, 15
- 16 North Carolina, store?
- A. I just know that there is a store down there with 17
- 18 the name.
- Q. Do you know if that was one of your father's 19
- franchisees or licensees at one point or whether that
- store answer the first question. 21
- 22 A. What was the question?
- 23 Q. Was that one of your father's licensees at some
- point? Did you father have a licensee in Charlotte?

- 1 Q. What can you tell me about the Reading store?
- 2 A. I don't understand the question.
- 3 Q. You had mentioned that there was a store in
- Reading using Van Scoy in connection with jewelry
- 5 services.
- 6 A. Correct,
 - Q. Do you know anything more than that?
- 8 A. No.

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- 9 Q. Was the Reading, did your father ever have a
- 10 store in Reading, own a store in Reading?
- 11 A. Him personally own a store, not that I know.
 - Q. Did he ever have a licensee in Reading?
- 13 A. I don't know. I don't know that,
- 14 Q. Did you ever travel to any store, a Van Scoy
- 15 Diamond Mine store when you were working for the company
- 16 in Reading?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. So, to your knowledge, there was no Van Scoy
- 19 Diamond Mine -
- 20 A. You asked me if I traveled with him to the
- 21 Reading store. No, I did not,
- 22 Q. Have you ever been to a jewelry store in Reading?
- 23 Let me ask you that.
- 24 A. No. Not that I remember, no.

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- 1 A. I don't know.
- 2 Q. Do you know anything about the Charlotte store?
- Have you contacted the Charlotte store?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. What other stores or what other people are using
- the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine or just Van Scoy?
- 7 A. North Carolina, Reading, Lancaster. I believe
- 8 there is Allentown, Scranton. That's it. Wilkes-Barre
- 9 store.
- 10 Q. Is that it?
- 11 A. And Erie. I'm sorry, Erie.
- 12 Q. Is that it?
- 13 A. To my knowledge, yes.
- Q. What do you know about the North Carolina store? 14
- 15 Do you know what mark they are using?
- 16 A. I think on the website it says Van Scoy Jewelers
- 17 if I'm not mistaken.
- 18 Q. Do you know who would own that store?
- 19 I believe his name is Bob Cook.
- 20 Q. Have you spoken to Bob Cook?
- 21 A. No. I haven't.
- 22 Q. Do you know if anyone has spoken to Bob Cook
- 23 recently?
- 24 A. No, I don't know.

- 1 Q. Were you ever aware that there was any sort of jewelry store in Reading using the name Van Scoy in
- connection with diamonds or jewelry?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. When did you first become aware of this?
- 6 A. On the website actually.
- 7 Q. When did you first become aware of it?
- 8 A. I don't know when exactly. I don't remember.
- 9 Q. Approximately.
- 10 A. I don't know really.
- 11 Q. In the past year?
- 12 A. No, it's longer than that I would have to say.
- 13 When exactly, I'm not really sure.
- 14 Q. But it was through a website that you first
- 15 became aware of a jewelry store --
- A. That the store was operating there in Reading, 16
- 17 yes. I know there was stores. My father did dealings
- 18 with gentlemen in that area. And that's all I know.
- 19 Q. Do you know what name they are using in Reading?
- A. It's Van Scoy? 20
- Q. Is that a guess? 21
- 22 A. On this website it says Van Scoy.
- 23 Q. You mentioned that there is a jewelry store that
- 24 you are aware of in Lancaster using the name, using Van

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- Scoy in connection with a jewelry store.
- 2 A. There was a store, yes, in Lancaster. If - from
- 3 what I gather, yeah, there is a store in Lancaster that's
- using Van Scoy.
- 5 Q. Where did you receive that information?
- 6 A. Someone told me actually. Who I don't - someone
- told me, if it was a customer or not or something.
- Q. Did your father have a store in Lancaster? Did
- 9 he ever own a store in Lancaster?
- 10 A. I don't know that.
- 11 Q. Do you know what mark the store in Lancaster is
- 12 using?
- 13 A. Exact words no, I do not know.
- 14 Q. Do you have any idea?
- 15 A. Van Scoy.
- Q. You mentioned that there is a store in Allentown 16
- presently using Van Scoy in connection with a jewelry
- 18 store. Do you know what mark the store in Allentown is
- 19 using?
- 20 A. I do not know exactly.
- 21 Q. Do you have any idea?
- 22 MR. QUINN: I think you are asking the
- 23 witness to speculate.
- 24 MR. F. PETOCK: You can still answer the

- Q. Do you know if you are planning on calling him as
- 2 a witness in this trial?
- 3 A. I don't know that.
- 4 Q. Have you spoke with anyone about possibly calling
- him as a witness besides your attorney?
- A. I don't know that, no.
- Q. Do you know if Mark Mower owns jewelry stores
- other than the one in Allentown? 8 9
 - A. I don't know that.
- 10 Q. What did you say to Mark Mower --
- 11 A. I don't recall.
- 12 Q. - in your conversation?
- 13 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Did you call him about, because you were being 14
- 15 sued?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Why did you call Mark Mower because you were
- 18 being sued?
- 19 A. Because he's – actually, to be honest with you,
- 20 I just told him the situation. And he was in disbelief.
- Q. Did you call any other person that's operating a 21
- 22 store using some variation of the name Van Scoy?
- 23 A. I don't understand the question.
- 24 Q. Did you call anyone besides Mark Mower? Did you

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- question.
- 2 THE WITNESS: I don't know. 3 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 4 Q. But, to your knowledge, it does have the word
- 5 "Van Scoy" in its name.
- 6 MR. QUINN: That's not a question.
- 7 Q. To your knowledge, does it still have the word
- "Van Scoy" in the name?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you know who owns the store in Allentown?
- 11 A. I believe it's Mark Mower.
- 12 Q. What can you tell me about Mark Mower?
- 13 A. He did dealings with my father and was another
- partner of his from way back. And that's all I really
- know about Mark and the Allentown store. 15
- Q. When was the last time you spoke with Mark Mower? 16
- 17 A. Oh, God. I think about three months ago.
- 18 Q. What did you speak with him about three months
- 19 ago?
- 20 A. The situation, what's going on with the suit.
- 21 Q. Could you tell me specifically what you spoke to
- 22 him about?
- 23 A. I don't recall. We covered one thing to this and
- how's business and all that.

- call Bob Cook, for example?
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- 3 Q. And you didn't call the North Carolina store?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 O. You didn't call the Reading store?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 O. You didn't call the Lancaster store?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. What did Mark Mower say to you?
- 10 A. I don't recall really.
- Q. Did you call Mark Mower because your attorney 11
- 12 asked you to?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Besides three months ago - did Mark Mower refer
- 15 you the name of Charlie Quinn?
- 16 A. I don't recall that to be honest with you.
- 17 Q. How did you find out about Charlie Quinn?
- 18 A. Actually, a friend of mine is an attorney as
- 19 well. And we just went through a list. And this was one
- 20 that he recommended.
- Q. Is it just coincidence that Charlie Quinn also 21
- 22 represented Mark Mower in the past?
- 23 A. Actually, I was surprised. Yes.
- 24 Q. How did you find out about that?

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1 A. I don't understand the question.

- Q. How did you find out that Charlie Quinn
- 3 represented Mark Mower in the past?
 - A. Actually, when I spoke to Mark Mower and he
- 5 mentioned the same name as what I had mentioned.
- Q. When did this conversation take place? 6
- 7 A. Oh, my God. This is going back four months,
- 8 three months.
- 9 Q. This was the same conversation we have been
- talking about all along? 10
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Okay. So you just remember that you mentioned
- Charlie Quinn's name. What else do you remember? 13
- 14 A. That's it. That's when you actually pointed it
- 15 out.
- 16 Q. You can't remember -- can you remember anything
- 17 else about what you and Mark Mower spoke about?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. What he said to you?
- 20 A. (Witness indicating.)
- 21 Q. Are you and Mark Mower friends?
- 22 A. Not friends -- no.
- O. Before the conversation three or four months ago, 23
- 24 when was the last time you two had spoken?

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- 1 A. I don't recall. Years.
- 2 Q. Do you know anything about why Mr. Quinn
- represented Mark Mower?
- A. No, I don't. I mean, it was personal dealings
- with my father, nothing to do with me.
- 6 Q. So Charlie Quinn represented - did Charlie Quinn
- represent Mark Mower against your father?
- 8 A. I don't know that.
- Q. Was Mark Mower one of your father's licensees or 9
- 10 franchisees?
- A. He was a business acquaintance with my father. 11
- 12 That's all I know.
- 13 Q. Were you aware if Mark Mower was paying your
- 14 father royalties to use the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 15 A. I don't know that.
- 16 Q. You don't even -- do you know whether Mark Mower
- 17 was a franchisee of your father?
- 18 A. I know he had the name. I know he had a jewelry
- 19 store, Van Scoy, Sure.
- 20 Q. So did you know he was a franchisee or licensee
- 21 of your father?
- 22 MR. QUINN: Asked and answered. Objection.
- 23 Q. Did your father --
- 24 MR. F. PETOCK: He can answer it again.

Page 60 MR. QUINN: He can ask it then how many

times?

3 MR. F. PETOCK: The fact that your attorney 4 objects to the question doesn't mean you don't answer it. 5 You still answer it.

6 MR. QUINN: I want to see the authority for 7 the proposition that the attorney can ask the same question multiple times in the same deposition session. 8

9 Do you have authority on that?

10 MR. F. PETOCK: You're obstructing the deposition. 11

12 MR. QUINN: Do you have authority on that?

13 MR. F. PETOCK: Continue with the

deposition. It's not the same question. 14

15 MR. QUINN: It is the same question and I 16 want to see the authority for it.

MR. F. PETOCK: You are required to answer 17 18 the question unless your attorney instructs you not to 19 answer the question.

20 MR. QUINN: If you believe the question has 21 been asked and answered, I leave it up to you. But if I 22 were you -

THE WITNESS: I think I already answered it. MR. F. PETOCK: You are coaching the

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2 MR. QUINN: I'm giving the witness a piece 3 of legal advice that you seem to suggest that I am 4 improperly doing so. And I'm asking you to give me the

5 authority for that. Where is the case? б

MR. PETOCK: Was he given the case?

MR. F. PETOCK: We have case. By the way, while you have disrupted the

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deposition so badly and you're obstructing this

10 deposition, I give you three cases here that stand for

11 the proposition that specifically rule that in Delaware,

12 the District Court in Delaware, you are not allowed to

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advise your client about any testimony that's been given

14 or you are anticipating to be given during the

deposition. And these are the Turks Beckers, Inc., case,

16 the Dutchman versus Beneficial Corporation case and ML

17 Lee Acquisitions case. Let's continue the deposition.

18 BY MR. PETOCK:

19 Q. Do you know what mark -- you had said that there

20 is a jewelry store using Van Scoy in connection with

21 jewelry services in Scranton?

- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. What mark are they using?
- 24 A. It's Van Scoy Diamonds from what I'm aware of.

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1 Q. That's Rick and Pam Sendrick's store?

- 2 A. Correct. Excuse me. Correct.
- 3 O. What about the store in Erie?
- A. I'm not sure on that. The store fronts, I don't 4
- know that.
- 6 Q. You are not sure what mark that store in Erie
- 7 uses?
- 8 A. I do not know.
- 9 Q. Who owns that store? Do you know?
- A. I have no idea. 10
- 11 Q. Is it any of your brothers or sisters?
- 12 A. No, my brother - I don't - my brother runs it.
- 13 That's all I know.
- Q. Your brother runs the store? 14
- A. Yes. 15
- 16 Q. Tony runs the store and you are not sure whether
- he owns it or not? 17
- 18 A. That's correct.
- 19 Q. What do you know about Tony - has Tony ever
- 20 owned a Van Scoy Diamond Mine that you are aware of?
- 21 A. In the past, yeah. He had five stores, if I'm
- not mistaken, four or five stores. 22
- 23 Q. Were any of those in Exic?
- 24 A. Yes.

1 A. I don't know that.

- 2 Q. Did you ever visit the Delaware store when there
- 3 was a franchisee there?
 - A. No.

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- 5 Q. Did your father?
- A. I don't know that. I'm not my father. 6
- 7 Q. Did your father ever personally operate and own a
- 8 Van Scoy Diamond Mine in Delaware?
 - A. Yes, he did.
- O. Where was that store located? 10
- 11 A. Kirkwood Highway, Astro Shopping Centre. And
- 12 then he relocated to the location to where we are at
- 13 right now, 1117 Churchmans Road, Newark, Delaware.
- Q. What years was the store operated and owned by 14
- 15 your father in the Astro Shopping Centre?
- 16 A. I don't know that.
- 17 Q. Do you know what year the store your father owned
- 18 in Delaware that is located at 1117 Churchmans Road in
- 19 the Churchmans Plaza was opened by your father?
- 20 A. I don't know that.
- 21 Q. Approximately.
- 22 A. I don't know that.
- 23 Q. Did you ever have any dealings with your father's
- 24 Delaware store?

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1 A. I don't understand the question.

- 2 Q. Did you ever visit it?
- 3 A. I don't understand the question.
- 4 Q. When your father owned the Delaware store in the
- Churchmans Piaza, had you ever been there? 6
 - A. I have.
- 7 Q. When had you been there?
- 8 A. When we had sales, half price sales. When
- 9 exactly, I can't pinpoint that.
- 10 Q. So from time to time you worked in your father's
- 11 Churchmans Piaza store?
- 12 A. For the weekend we all did, yeah.
- 13 Q. Do you know how many years your father had the
- 14 Churchmans Plaza store open?
- A. I don't know that. You would have to talk to the 15
- 16 landlord.
- 17 Q. Was it more than one year?
- 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. Was it more than two years?
- 20 A. From what I gather - I don't know. How many
- 21 years, I really don't know.
- 22 Q. Was it more than two years?
- 23 A. I don't know that.
- 24 Q. Do you remember approximately how many times you

Q. Do you know if it was in the same location that

- 2 he's running the store now?
- A. I don't know that, I've never been there. 3
- 4 Q. Do you know if anyone ever gave him permission to
- 5 use the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- A. He's been in business well over 25 years.
- 7 Q. Is your answer you don't know?
- 8 A. I don't know.
- 9 Q. Your father's company, did it ever have any Van
- 10 Scoy Diamond Mine franchisee or licensee in Delaware?
- 11 A. I didn't understand your question.
- Q. Did your father's company ever have a Van Scoy 12
- 13 Diamond Mine franchisee or licensee in Delaware, in the
- 14 State of Delaware?
- 15 A. From what I'm aware of, yes, he did.
- 16 Q. Do you know who the franchisee or licensee was?
- 17 A. Actually, no, I don't.
- 18. Q. Do you remember what years he had that store?
- 19 A. No, I don't.
- 20 Q. Approximately.
- 21 A. I have no idea.
- 22 Q. Do you know if Van Scoy Diamond Mine was
- advertised in Delaware during that time, the time in
- which there was a franchisee there?

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- worked in his store?
- 2 A. No, I really don't.
- 3 Q. Do you know if you worked in his store over the course of more than one year?
- A. I don't understand the question. What store?
- 6 Q. The Churchmans, the store your father owned in
- 7 the Churchmans Plaza, the same store you own right now.
- 8 A. Right, correct.
- 9 Q. You don't remember whether or not your father had
- owned that store for more than one or two years.
 - MR. QUINN: Objection. That's not a
- 12 question.

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- 13 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 14 Q. Do you remember whether your father owned that
- 15 store for more than one year?
- 16 More than one year, yes.
- 17 Q. More than two years?
- A. I really don't know the length of time. I mean,
- 19 more than one year, yes, to answer the question.
- Q. Do you currently operate a Van Scoy Diamond Mine
- 21 in the same location as your father's store?
- 22 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. When did you open that store? 23
- 24 A. November 12th, 1994.

That's where he had the showcases.

- 2 Q. You said your father gave you that sign.
- 3 A. Yes, he did.
- 4 Q. Did he drive it down to Wilmington to give it to
- 5 you?
- 6 A. He actually helped me load it up into our U-Haul.
- 7 Q. In Wilkes-Barre?
- 8 A. Correct. And my father gave me the safe.
 - Q. Was that also in the warehouse?
- 10 A. No.

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- 11 Q. Where was the safe?
- 12 A. In Mundy Street.
- 13 Q. What did he say to you when he gave you the safe?
- 14 A. Good luck to you, I love you and I'm very proud
- 15 of you.
- 16 Q. Why did you choose the location in Churchmans
- Plaza to open a Van Scoy Diamond Mine? 17
- 18 A. I don't know. Just a location and there it is
- 19 and open up.
- Q. What about the location? Was it easier to open 20
- 21 in a store where a Van Scoy, in a location where a Van
- 22 Scoy Diamond Mine already existed?
- 23 MR. QUINN: Objection. That's two
- 24 questions.

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- Q. Was your father's store still operating there
- 2 when you opened your store on November 12th, 1994?
- 3 A. No, it was not. It was closed for a
- year-and-a-half prior to that.
- So you do know when your father's store closed;
- 6 is that correct?
- 7 A. When it closed, from what my landlord said, it
- was vacant for 16 months. I'm going off my landlord.
- 9 Q. When you opened your store, were any remnants of
- 10 your father's store still there?
- A. The wallpaper, lighting fixtures. And what else? 11
- 12 That's was about it, and the alarm system.
- 13 Q. Safe?
- 14 A. No, the safe I brought down from the Wilkes-Barre
- 15 store.
- Q. Cases? 16
- 17 A. No, none of that was left there.
- 18 Q. Sign?
- 19 A. The sign I got from my father.
- 20 Q. Was the sign already there?
- A. No, it was actually in the warehouse, my father's 21
- 22
- 23 Q. Where is your father's warehouse located?
- 24 A. Frederick Street in Wilkes-Barre at the time.

- 1 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 2 Q. I will rephrase the question. Was it easier to
- open your Van Scoy Diamond Mine in a location where your
- father had for several years already operated a Van Scoy
- 5 Diamond Mine?
- A. After it was closed 16 months, and that was the
- location that we reopened, yes.
- 8 Q. Is your answer yes?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. You originally opened using the name Van Scoy
- 11 Diamond Mine, correct?
- 12 A. That's correct, Van Scoy Diamond Mine of
- 13 Delaware, Incorporated.
- Q. When you originally opened, were you using the
- 15 name Van Scoy Diamond Mine or Van Scoy Diamond Mine of
- 16 Delaware, Incorporated?
- 17 A. I don't understand the question.
- 18 Q. When you originally opened your store, were you
- 19 using the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine or were you using
- 20 the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware, Incorporated?
- 21 A. I still don't understand the question.
- 22 Q. What don't you understand about the question?
- 23 A. If you are talking outside the store or - you
- 24 know what I mean? What's outside, the marquee outside?

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1 Q. Yeah.

- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. Okay. What was outside the store?
- A. Van Scoy Diamond Mine. 4
- 5 Q. What about, what did you use on your sales
- 6 receipts?
- 7 A. Van Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware, Incorporated,
- 8 Q. Did you use those when you first opened your
- 9 store?
- 10 A. When we first opened up, actually, no. My father
- gave me sales pads, actually, from the Gateway Shopping 11
- Center store and also the 154 Mundy Street store.
- Q. Did they just say Van Scoy Diamond Mine on them? 13
- 14 A. I did and then we had to put a sticker over for
- 15 our new address. My father was trying to save me money.
- Q. Did you inform Wayne, in any way, that you were 16
- 17 opening a Van Scoy Diamond Mine in Delaware?
- 18 A. He clearly knew.
- 19 Q. How do you know that he clearly knew?
- 20 A. I remember specifically when we were trying to
- 21 move the safe out of the Wilkes-Barre store, my brother
- 22 Kenny and him sat on a Lazy Boy chair, and his exact
- quotes as my father and I my father was helping me
- move the safe. And they just sat there. Wayne said to

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- Q. Did you receive a lot of complaints like that?
- 2 A. Quite a few, yes.
- 3 Q. Approximately how many?
 - A. The number off the top of my head, I can't.
- 5 recall.

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- 6 Q. You have quite a few customers now that were also
- customers of your father's Van Scoy Diamond Mine; is that 7
- 8 correct?
- 9 A. They've actually -- no. I would have to say not
- 10 many, no, not many at all actually.
- Q. Well, you have people coming in that were very 11
- 12 upset that they had bought diamonds at your store, at
- 13 your father's store. They had bought jewelry at your
- 14 father's store and then he closed down.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. But now you are testifying that there weren't,
- 17 they weren't the same customers?
- 18 A. People that came back, you know, just, geez, you
- 19 guys have left and, you know, you are back here. Are you
- 20 here for another week and going again? That's basically
- 21 what they were stating, not in goodwill.
- Q. So have you had repeat customers? Have you had 22
- 23 customers that were your father's customers and now are
- 24 your customers?

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- A. I don't recall that. I really --
- 2 Q. Did you talk to an attorney when you decided to
- open up a jewelry store under the name Van Scoy Diamond
- 4 Mine about whether it was okay to use the mark Van Scoy
- 5 Diamond Mine?
- 6 A. No, I did not.
- 7 Q. Did you speak with anyone?
- 8 A. No, I did not.
- 9 Q. Were there any other names considered for your
- 10 store?

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- 11 A. No.
- Q. Does the name Van Scoy Diamonds have the same 12
- meaning to the public as Van Scoy Diamond Mine in your 13
- 14 opinion?
- 15 A. I don't know. Van Scoy Diamond and Van Scoy
- 16 Diamond Mine, I don't know.
- 17 Q. Do you have an opinion as to whether they are the
- 18 same mark?
- 19 A. I don't know that.
- 20 Q. When did you decide to start using the name Van
- 21 Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware?
- 22 A. From the day I opened the store because that's
- 23 when my father actually gave me the name.
- 24 Q. He didn't give you the name Van Scoy Diamond

my brother Kenny, quote, unquote, Kenny, I give him two

- months. No, I give him three months and he's going to be
- in so much debt he won't even know what happened to him,
- 4 quote, unquote.
- 5 Q. Who selected the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine for your store?
- 7 A. My father and I.
- 8 Q. Why was the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine selected?
- 9 A. Because that's our family business.
- 10 Q. Did the name have goodwill attached to it?
- 11 A. The store was closed for 15 months, 16 months
- 12 roughly, somewhere around there. That's what they said.
- 13 The store was closed and people actually weren't very 14 happy.
- Q. Who wasn't happy? 15
- A. Customers from the area that purchased rings in 16 17 the past.
- Q. Where did you receive that information? 18
- 19 A. From customers actually coming to the
- 20 Wilkes-Barre store from driving up and weren't very
- 21 happy. And also the fact after I opened the store,
- 22 customers came in and, you here today, are you going to 23 be here next week? So I had to put up with that for
- 24 probably about two or three years.

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1 Mine; he gave you the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine of

- 2 Delaware?
- 3 A. He gave me the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine. And
- what I did, we just incorporated Van Scoy Diamond Mine of
- 5 Delaware, Incorporated. That's what he recommended me to
- 6
- 7 Q. Why did he recommend you to do that?
- 8 A. If things didn't work out for me, I guess, in a
- legal standpoint. I guess they can't, you know,
- 10 certainly come after you. I'm not up on that.
- Q. If who would come after you?
- 12 A. If the store failed, landlord or whatever the
- 13 case may be. I don't know what his thought was with
- 14 that. I don't know. But that's what he recommended me
- 15 to do.
- 16 Q. What difference would it make if you were using
- 17 the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine or Van Scoy Diamond Mine
- 18 of Delaware if the store failed and someone tried to come
- 19 after you?
- 20 A. I don't understand the question.
- 21 Q. I'm not sure I understood your answer to the
- 22 original question. You said that your father recommended
- 23 that you use the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware
- 24 rather Van Scoy Diamond Mine; is that correct?

you use?

- Van Scoy Diamond Mine.
- 3 Q. Is that how you answer the phone?
 - A. Good afternoon, Van Scoy's.
- 5 Q. How about on your bags? 6
 - A. Van Scoy Diamond Mine.
 - Q. Jewelry boxes?
- 8 A. Van Scoy Diamond Mine.
- 9. Q. Where else is Van Scoy Diamond Mine used in the
- 10 store?
- 11 A. That's it, just in the sign, Van Scoy Diamond
- Mine. That's what was given to me. 12
- MR. PETOCK: I would like to have this 13
- 14 marked as the next exhibit, please.
- 15 (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit No. 5,
- 16 Warranty, was marked for identification.)
- 17 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 18 Q. What is this, Kurt?
- 19 A. That's a warranty.
- 20 Q. Do you give this warranty to your customers?
- 21 A. I do.
- 22 Q. How long have you been giving this particular
- 23 warranty to your customers?
- 24 As far as I can remember.

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- 1 A. No. He said to incorporate so you are actually a
- 2 president as opposed to a sole proprietor, he said just
- to go under in the corporation. And that's what he
- recommended to do. He said you should just go Van Scoy
- Diamond Mine of Delaware, Incorporated, which in fact
- 6. that's what I did.
 - Q. Did he tell you that's what he did also?
- A. No, that's what he recommended me to do.
- Q. Is your testimony that from the very beginning
- you are using both Van Scoy Diamond Mine and Van Scoy
- 11 Diamond Mine of Delaware as your marks?
- 12 A. I don't follow the question.
- 13 Q. Was there ever a time where you decided rather
- 14 than using Van Scoy Diamond Mine as your mark you would
- use Van Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware?
- A. No. We used Van Scoy Diamond Mine out front of
- 17 the store.
- 18 Q. So is that what you used, is that what your mark
- 19 is?

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- 20 A. It's Van Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware,
- 21 Incorporated. And the sign that my father gave me, it's
- 22 Van Scoy Diamond Mine. So on the paperwork, it's Van
- Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware.
- Q. Right. What is the name you tell customers that

- Q. Where did you get this warranty?
- 2 A. Actually from my father.
- 3 Q. It says Van Scoy Diamond Mine on it; is that
- 4 correct?

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- A. That is correct.
- 6 Q. When did your father give you this warranty?
- 7 A. The beginning of opening the store when he gave
- me the sales receipts to use as well. 8
- 9 Q. This is a genuine sample of the certificate, the
- 10 warranty that you give to your customers, right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Did your father ever visit your store after you
- opened it? 13
- 14 A. Yes, he has.
- 15 Q. Could you tell me when he visited it?
- 16 A. I don't have some specifics, I mean, paper wise.
- 17 But, yeah, I have in writing when he has actually sold
- 18 something in our store. And quite a few times I have a
- picture of him and my morn at my house. There is numbers 19
- 20 of times that, actually, he stopped by. Sure.
- 21 Q. Okay. Do you remember the last time your father
- 22 visited your store, the most recent?
- 23 A. I don't recall. I know he was in and out of
- 24 health there a little bit and, really, I don't recall. I

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- know my mom was in the hospital. He'd stop by.
- 2 Q. When was the first time he visited your store?
- 3 A. Actually, that was the opening.
- Q. On November 14th? 4
- 5 A. 12th.
- 6 O. November 12th, 2004?
- 7 A. 1994.
- 8 Q. 1994. He was there at the opening?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you remember what he was doing there at the 11 opening?
- 12 A. Yeah. He was, actually, giving everybody
- 13 pointers and also waiting on customers.
- MR. PETOCK: Let's mark this as the next 14
- 15 exhibit, please.
- 16 (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit No. 6,
- 17 Valentine's Ad, was marked for identification.)
- 18 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 19 O. What is this?
- 20 A. What is this? This is a -
- 21 Q. This is, by the way, just for the record, this is
- Exhibit Number 6. Can you tell me what it is, please?
- A. Yes. This is, actually, an ad that my father has 23
- 24 sent to me to actually run for a, to run an ad,
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- Q. It says Vestil Plaza. Your store is not located 3 at Vestil Plaza; is it?
- A. No. That's, obviously, where you actually would 4
- change the name and put the location of where you are at. 5
- 6 Q. And when was this sent to you?

obviously, for a Valentine's ad.

- 7 A. It was sent to me - let's see here. Was it
- September 18th, 1997?
- 9 Q. Thank you.
- 10 A. Sure.

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- 11 Q. You said you had permission to use the mark; is
- 12 that correct?
- 13 A. To use the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine, yes.
- 14 Q. Were you licensed?
- 15 A. I don't understand the question.
- Q. If not for the permission given by your father to 16
- use the mark, do you think that that would have been
- 18 trademark infringement, your using the mark?
- 19 A. Say that again.
- Q. If it weren't for the permission that you say 20
- that you got from your father to use the mark, would your
- 22 use of the mark have been infringement?
- 23 A. I don't understand it. I don't understand the
- 24 question.

- Q. If you weren't given permission by your father to
- use the mark --2
- 3 A. If I was given permission —
- Q. If you were not, if you were not given permission 4
- to use the mark, would your use have been infringement,
- your using the mark been infringement?
 - A. Not to my knowledge.
- 8 Q. If you didn't have any permission to use the mark
- Van Scoy Diamond Mine right now, do you think you would
- be infringing? 10
- 11 MR. QUINN: Objection. The question has
- 12 been asked and answered.
- 13 MR. PETOCK: No, it was different, Charlie.
 - MR. QUINN: Different in one percent of the
- words perhaps. 15
- 16 MR. PETOCK: It was a completely different
- 17 question, Charlie.
- 18 MR. QUINN: Objection stands.
 - MR. F. PETOCK: Answer the question.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Repeat it again.
- 21 MR. F. PETOCK: Read the question back,
- 22 please.
- 23 (Thereupon, the reporter read back the
- 24 pending question.)

1 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

2 MR. PETOCK: I would like to have this

3 marked as Number 7, please.

4 (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit No. 7, Sales

- 5 Receipts, was marked for identification.)
- 6 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 7 Q. Kurt, at some point you started blacking out the
 - name "Mine" from your sales receipts; is that correct?
- 9 A. Actually, one of the girls did.
- 10 Q. Did you ask - one of the girls, are you
- 11 referring to one of your employees?
- 12 A. Yeah, correct.
- 13 Q. Did you ask her to do that?
- 14 A. Actually, no, I don't recall doing that. I know
- 15 they -- we were actually away when the paper was served
- to us, if you will, for the suit. And the one girl, I
- guess, took it upon herself to do that. And I said there 17
- 18 is no real need to do that.
- 19 Q What was her name?
- 20 A. Actually, I'm not sure which one it was to be
- 21 honest with you. I'm not sure.
- 22 Q. Name all of the girls in your office that are
- 23 employees of yours.
- A. Lori McMichael, Sands Shoemaker, Karen Vale,

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- 2 Q. Who would be the person most likely to tell me
- 3 who blacked out this word out of those names you just
- 4 listed if I wanted to depose one of them?
- A. To be honest with you, we were gone away at this 5
- time. We were on vacation, actually. 6
- 7 Q. Where were you on vacation when these got blacked
- 8 out?
- 9 A. Where were we? In the Caribbean, I believe.
- 10 Q. Do you know the first sales receipt that, date
- 11 wise, the date of the first sales receipt that was
- blacked out, the word "Mine" was blacked out?
- 13 A. No, I do not, actually, no.
- 14 Q. Although they were blacked out, you continued to
- 15 use the blacked out -
- A. No. Obviously, it showed -- as soon as she went 16
- 17 through one sales receipt, if I'm not mistaken, and I
- 18 told them there is no need to do that. And, obviously,
- 19 it went back to the way it was.
- 20 Q. Were you on vacation from January 15th until
- 21 March 3rd?
- 22 A. No.

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- 23 Q. Why did you continue to use sales receipts with
- 24 the word "Mine" blacked out of the sales receipt from at

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- A. There is Lori McMichael was the manager. But,
- really, it's -- the way we operate, it's not just kind of
- one it won't be no bigger than the other one and all 3
- that. You know, we just kind of work as a team.
- 5 Q. So you were away when you got this November --
- 6 A. The 18th I was away, yes, I was.
 - Q. Do you remember when you got back?
- 8 A. Yeah. It was actually about two days later,
- 9 three days later from the original letter.
- 10 Q. From the original letter which is --
- 11 A. The one from November the 18th.
- 12 Q. - November the 18th?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. Do you remember what day of the week it was you
- 15 got back from your vacation?
- A. I think it was that Monday. We went hunting. It 16
- 17 was Monday, the first day of hunting for Pennsylvania.
- 18 Q. And when you got back, the word "Mine" had
- already been blacked out from these sales receipts; is 19
- 20 that correct?
- 21 A. I don't think so, no. If I'm not mistaken.
- 22 That's why I said, this is, I have to seek counsel to
- really see exactly what's going on with this. 23 24
 - Q. You need to do what?

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- least January 15th to March 1st, 2005?
- 2 A. This is just - I mean, this is very few people.
- I mean, obviously, it was one sales pad that they were,
- 4 obviously, just using until I got back and find out 5 what's going on.

MR. PETOCK: We would ask that all of the sales receipts from this period are produced.

MR. QUINN: Define the period, please.

MR. PETOCK: Well, I'm going to ask him from

10 the cease and desist letter until at least 3/1/2005.

- 11 BY MR. PETOCK:
- Q. Do you know why your employees decided to black
- 13 out the word "Mine?"
- A. They actually saw on a thing, on the letter, 14
- 15 actually, when we got it is just stating that we were
- 16 being sued for using the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine. And
- it was a sheriff that came and handled the, handed the 17
- paper over. And it wasn't in an envelope or anything.
- 19 It just stated for the name. So they just put it on
- 20 their own -- she just scratched it out until we got back
- 21 to find out what was going on.
- 22 Q. Who would be the supervisor that would have the
- capacity to make a decision like that while you were away
- 24 out of those names?

A. To seek counsel, to see an attorney to see what's

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- exactly going on. Because as far as I was concerned,
- until the November 18th of 2004, I was not aware of any
- point at all that there was any trademark of Van Scoy
- 5 Diamond Mine after the bankruptcy.
- 6 Q. But when you got back from your vacation on that
- 7 Sunday or Monday, hunting season, the word "Mine" had
- 8 already been blacked out; is that correct? 9
 - A. Not that I know of.
- 10 Q. So do you believe it happened sometime after you
- 11 got back?
- 12 A. From what I remember, I think it was when we were
- away and then we had the papers actually served. 13
- So you were back and one of your employees 14
- 15 blacked out the word "Mine" from your sales receipts
- without even asking you; they could have asked you? 16 17
- A. To be honest with you, I really don't know. I
- 18 don't recall, really, when this all first really took 19 place.
- 20 Q. Your father advertised Van Scoy Diamond Mine in 21 connection with NASCAR, correct?
- 22 A. 25 years ago, yes.
- 23 Q. NASCAR is very popular in Delaware; would you 24 agree with that?

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- 1 A. In the last five years, yeah.
- 2 Q. Have you ever advertised in connection with
- 3 NASCAR?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Have you ever had TV commercials or TV spots
- 6 during any of the NASCAR races?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 MR. PETOCK: Let's take another break.
- 9 VIDEO SPECIALIST: This ends Tape Number 2
- 10 of the video deposition of Mr. Van Scoy. The time is
- 11 11:56.
- 12 (Thereupon, a short recess was had.)
- VIDEO SPECIALIST: This is Tape Number 3 of 13
- 14 the video deposition of Kurt Van Scoy. The time is
- 15 12:07.
- 16 BY MR. PETOCK:
- Q. Kurt, did you consult with your attorney during 17
- 18 the break about any of your testimony given or that you
- 19 expect to give today?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Where do the majority of your customers come
- 22 from?
- 23 A. I don't know that.
- 24 Q. Do the majority of your customers come from the

- Q. Would you think the majority of your customers
- 2 would come from the area in which you advertise?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And that's why you advertise in that area,
- because that how far people would come to a jewelry
- б store?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. On the website of vanscoydiamondmine.com and the
- 9 website of Van Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware, you state
- that you have been in business for over 70 years serving 10
- 11 customers. Could you explain that statement?
- 12 A. It's, actually, it's combined through with my
- 1.3 father, family and my personal business combined.
- 14 Q. So when you say 70 years, you are also talking
- about the goodwill of your father that was established in 15 16 the --
- 17 A. Through working with my father and the family
- 18 together.
- 19 Q. You haven't been working for 70 years, correct?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Where did you come up with the number 70?
- 22 A. If I'm not mistaken, it says over 70 years.
- 23 Q. That's correct.
- 24 A. I'm 39 years old. I have been 29 years myself.

- Newark area?
- 2 A. I don't know that.
- Q. Is it general practice for you to ask your 3
- 4 customers what their address is?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So where do the majority come from?
- 7 MR. QUINN: Asked and answered.
- Q. Where do you advertise? 8
- 9 A. Radio and TV.
- 10 Q. Where in geographically?
- 11 A. In Delaware.
- 12 Q. All of Delaware?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. What parts of Delaware?
- 15 A. Wilmington area.
- 16 Q. Newark area, do you consider Newark to be part of
- 17 the Wilmington area?
- A. Yes. 18
- 19 Q. Why do you only advertise in that limited area?
- 20 A. Because it's within the reasonable location of,
- 21 close proximity of my location for my store.
- 22 Q. How far do people -- how far would a customer
- 23 travel to go to a jewelry store?
- A. I don't know.

- My father has been at least over 50 years in the
- business. So combined I think that's over 70 years.
- 3 Q. On your website, you also say that you are a
- jeweler that has a reputation, not an image.
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. What do you mean by that?
- 7 A. That's reputation of honesty and low pricing and
- 8 not as opposed to our competition that has a diamond in
- 9 their beard.
- 10 Q. Are you talking about the reputation of your
- 11 father's business also, the 70 years that the -
- A. We have a reputation of doing business as honesty 12
- 13 and low pricing and certainly quality for what we offer
- 14 in the service after the sale,
- 15 Q. Is that Van Scoy Diamond Mine that you are
- referring to? 16
- 17 A. That would be on our website, yes.
- 18 Q. And when you say that you have a reputation for
- honesty and all that, you are talking about the name 19
- 20 Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 21 A. I'm talking about our business, yes.
- 22 Q. At least some of the established goodwill of your
- 23 store, that your store has - by the way, do you believe
- that your store has goodwill, that the name you are using

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- in Delaware, Van Scoy Diamond Mine in Delaware, is there
- goodwill associated with that mark in Delaware?
- 3 A. I don't understand the question.
 - Q. Is there a favorable attitude of the purchasing
- public towards the goods and services that are coming
- 6 from your Van Scoy Diamond Mine in Newark, Delaware?
 - A. I don't know that.
- 8 Q. Do you think that the public has any sort of
- attitude towards your goods and services coming from
- Van Scoy Diamond Mine in Newark, Delaware?
- A. I don't know that. 11
- 12 Q. Does your store have a reputation?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Does it have a good reputation?
- 15 A. I do my best, yes.
- 16 Q. Do you think, in your opinion, has some of that
- good reputation come from the efforts of your father? 17
- 18 A. I don't know that. I do what I do.
- 19 Q. Have you improved your store in any way since you
- 20 opened it?
- 21 A. Yes, I have.
- 22 Q. Could you tell me how you've improved your store?
- A. I added two more showcases and actually extended 23
- 24 the front room, showroom.

moved in in 1994?

- A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Have you expanded your store or your business in
- 4 any way since you opened it? 5
 - A. No.
- 6 Q. Do you advertise?
 - A. Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. When did you first start advertising?
 - A. November the 12th, 1994.
- 10 Q. Where do you advertise? You told me
- 11 geographically, but tell me the forums that you're
- 12 advertising.
- A. Radio, television, paper, little bit of paper. 13
- 14 Q. Could you tell me how much you've spent on your
- 15 advertising? Just for the record, we asked you to
- produce advertising expenditures for each year going back
- 17 to 1994. And you have not produced what we have asked
- 18 for. This was in the Notice of Deposition which you
- 19 received. We asked for --
- 20 MR. PETOCK: Could you mark this as the next
- 21 exhibit, please?
- 22 (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit No. 8, Notice
- 23 of Deposition Resetting Date, was marked for
- 24 identification.)

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- BY MR. PETOCK:
 - 2 Q. Plaintiffs asked for documents sufficient to show
 - 3 advertising expenditures by defendants for each year
- 4 since the store operated by Van Scoy Diamond Mine of
- Delaware, Incorporated, in or around November of 1994 and
- 6 began operation to present.
- 7 And did you receive this Notice of
- 8 Deposition, Kurt?
- 9 A. I believe I have, yes.
- 10 MR. QUINN: Before you go further, let the
- record show that defendants produced what was reasonably 11
- 12 available to them both this morning and last night when
- 13 copies were sent to counsel for the plaintiff.
- 14 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 15 Q. You produced your U.S. Income Tax Return for
- 16 2002, 2003 and 2004 to satisfy that request that we were
- 17 talking about, is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Do you have your U.S. Tax Returns going further
- 20 back than 2002? Do you have your -- you can answer the
- 21 question.
- 22 A. I don't know that offhand.
- 23 Q. How far back do you keep your records?
- 24 A. That's my wife's department. I really can't

- 1 Q. How much do you think -- when did you do that,
- 2 the cases, when did you add the few more cases?
- 3 A. Probably approximately four years, five years.
- 4 Q. What do you think it was more close to, four 5 years or five years?
- A. I don't know.
- 7 MR. F. PETOCK: You said four or five years
- 8 ago?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 10 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 11 Q. And you said you extended your showroom. Could
- 12 you be more specific on what you did to your showroom?
- 13 A. It was just a dividing wall and, actually, we
- 14 just moved that dividing wall back and we just added more
- showcases, changed the wallpaper. 15
- Q. When was it that you took, you extended your 16 17 showroom?
- 18 A. I think I answered that, about four or five years
- 19 ago. 20 Q. Have you done anything else to improve your
- 21 store?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. So besides those two things that you mentioned,
- 24 it's substantially the same form as it was when you first

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- answer that. I don't know. 1
- Q. Did your wife decide, Donna decide, was she also
- involved in the decision to start using the mark Van Scoy
- Diamond Mine?
- 5 A. No. It was just my, it was my father and I. My
- 6 father gave me the name to use.
- 7 Q. Did he give your corporation the right to use the
- 8 name?
- 9 A. He gave me the name to use. He gave me the name
- 10 to use.
- 11 Q. What were your advertising expenditures for last
- 12 year?
- 13 A. I don't recall that.
- 14 Q. Do you have your advertising expenditures for
- 15 years prior to 2002 at your store?
- A. I don't know that, I can look, I don't know
- 17 that right now.
- 18 Q. According to your U.S. Income Tax Return for
- 19 2002, it appears that your advertising expenditures, as
- 20 you recorded on this, were 63,930. Was that the total
- 21 for your advertising in that year?
- 22 A. I would have to say so if that's my taxes. Sure.
- 23 Q. In 2003 your advertising expenditures, according
- 24 to what you produced, was \$72,116; is that correct?

- 1 A. I would have to say that's on my taxes. Sure.
- 2 Q. Was there any reason for the increase in
- 3 advertising between 2002 and 2003?
- 4. A. Not that I recall.
- 5 Q. Did it have anything to do with inflation?
- 6 A. No, not that I recall.
- 7 According to what you produced, your advertising
- 8 expenditures for 2004 were \$52,270. Is that accurate for
- 9 your advertising expenditures for that year?
- 10 A. If it's on my taxes, yes.
- 11 Q. Was there any reason for the drop in advertising
- 12 between 2003 and 2004 and between 2002 and 2004 for that
- 13 matter?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. How do you decide how much advertising to do?
- A. I just feel certain weeks I want to do it and 16
- 17 then that's it.
- 18 Q. Do you advertise continuously throughout the year
- 19 or just at certain intervals?
- 20 A. Certain intervals.
- 21 Q. And what kind of intervals?
- 22 A. I don't understand that.
- 23 Q. Do you advertise only during holidays?
- 24 A. In radio wise, I do just pretty much holidays and

- in summertime TV a little more than radio.
- 2 Q. And are the only places you advertise radio,
- television and newspaper?
- 4 A. Yes.

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- Q. How much did you advertise the year that you
- 6 opened, 1994?
 - A. I don't recall that.
- Q. Has your advertising increased dramatically at 8
- 9 any point?
- 10 A. I don't understand the question.
- Q. Has the expenditures, your advertising expenses, 11
- 12 has there been any year where there has been a large
- increase from the previous year? 13
- 14 A. I don't know that.
- 15 Q. Do you know if there was an increase between 1994
- 16 and 1995?
- 17 A. I don't know that.
- 18 O. What about between 1995 and 1996?
- 19 A. I don't know that.
- 20 Q. What about between 1996 and 1997?
- 21 A. I really don't know that.
- 22 Q. What about between 1997 and 1998?
- 23 A. Again, I don't know that. I can't answer that.
 - Q. '99 and 2000?

1 A. I can't answer that.

- 2 Q. 2000, 2001?
- 3 A. I don't know.
- 4 Q. Have you done more or less advertising this year
- 5 than last year?
- A. To be honest, I don't know that. I don't know б
- 7 that.

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- 8 Q. Last year you spent 52,270 on advertising. And
- 9 you are not sure how much you spent this year?
- 10 A. I really don't know.
- 11 Q. So far, obviously.
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. If you are forced to stop using the mark now, do
- 14 you think you will be prejudiced in any way?
- 15 A. I don't understand that.
 - Q. Do you think that, if you were forced to stop
- using the mark right now, you would be placed in a
- position that you think is somehow unfair? 18
- 19 A. Yes.

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- 20 Q. Could you tell me why?
 - A. My father gave me the name.
- 22 Q. Is that the only reason why you think you would
- 23 be prejudiced if you were forced to stop using the mark
- 24 now?

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A. My father gave me the name and he gave me the 2 sign for the store.

- 3 Q. Is that the only reason why you think you would be prejudiced?
- A. Yes. 5
- 6 MR. F. PETOCK: Could you speak up a little

7 bit?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes. My father gave me the 9 name and he gave me the sign. And, yes, that's the 10 reason why, yes, absolutely.

- 11 MR. F. PETOCK: Thank you.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Sure.
- 13 BY MR, PETOCK:
- Q. Do you think there is a likelihood of confusion 14
- between your store and Wayne's store?
- A. I don't understand that. 15
- 17 Q. Would the average member of the public think that
- 18 there is some sort of connection between the goods and
- services that you to offer and the goods and services
- 20 that Wayne's store offers under the mark Van Scoy Diamond
- 21 Mine?
- 22 A. I don't know that. I can't answer for a
- 23 customer.
- 24 Q. Have you ever experienced a customer being

1 Q. You grew up in Wilkes-Barre, correct?

- 2 A. I did, yes.
- 3 Q. When you were growing up, was Van Scoy Diamond
- Mine well-known in Wilkes-Barre?
- 5 A. We were known for a big family.
 - Q. Could you please answer the question?
- 7 A. I'm sorry. What was the question again?
- 8 Q. The question is: When you were growing up in
- 9 Wilkes-Barre, was the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine
- 10 well-known in Wilkes-Barre?
- 11 A. I can't answer that. Well-known, I can't answer
- 12 for somebody else. I mean, people knew that we had a
- 13 jewelry store if that's what you are asking. Friends
- 14 knew. Friends knew, sure.
- 15 Q. Not you, just there was a jewelry store known in
- 16 Wilkes-Barre that went by the name of Van Scoy Diamond
- 17 Mine?

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- 18 A. There was a store in Wilkes-Barre by the name of
- 19 Van Scoy Diamond Mine.
- 20 Q. And that was well-known by the public?
 - A. I can't answer that. I don't know. You know
- 22 what I mean? There was a store, Van Scoy Diamond Mine,
- 23 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
- 24 Q. Could you answer: Is the mark Wal-Mart

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- confused as to your store and Wayne's store?
- 2 A. Not that I know of, no.
- 3 Q. Has anyone ever told you that they thought there
- 4 was a connection between your store and Wayne's store?
- 5 A. Not that I know of.
- 6 Q. Is there any connection between your store and
- 7 Wayne's store?
- 8 A. Not that I know of.
- 9 Q. Does Van Scoy Diamond Mine have significance in
- 10 Wilkes-Barre, PA?
- 11 A. I don't know that. I can't answer for his store.
- 12 Q. Do members of the purchasing public associate the
- 13 mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine with a jewelry store in
- 14 Wilkes-Barre?
- 15 A. I don't know that.
- 16 Q. Does the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine have
- 17 significance in Newark, Delaware?
- A. Yes. 18
- 19 Q. Is Van Scoy Diamond Mine well-known in
- 20 Wilkes-Barre?
- 21 A. I don't know that.
- 22 Q. Was it at any time well-known in Wilkes-Barre?
- 23 A. I don't know that. Really, I can't answer that.
- 24 I can't answer that.

- well-known by the public?
- 2 A. Well, sure, I would have to say so. I think I
- 3 know of Wal-Mart.
- Q. Where do you get your diamonds from? 4
- 5 A. A number of suppliers.
 - Q. Could you name them, please?
- 7 A. IGAT. There is many. That's really one that
- 8 comes to my head right off the top of my head.
- 9 Q. Could you name the other ones?
- 10 A. Everybody is changing with everybody and
- 11 everything else. I mean - Ivory. I think there is
- Ivory Diamonds. 12
- 13 Q. Any others?
- 14 A. Paramount Gems.
- 15 Q. Any others?
- 16 A. That's all that I can really think of right off
- 17 the top of my head.
- 18 Q. Are any of your diamonds supplied by Wayne?
- 19 A. I'm sorry?
- 20 Q. Are any of your diamonds supplied by Wayne?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. What about by Wayne's company? 22
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Are you a direct importer of diamonds?

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- 1 A. We do buy direct from manufacturers from Israel,
- 2 yes.
- 3 Q. Who is your direct who is manufacturing in
- 4 Israel?
- 5 A. IGAT would be, that would be one. Aton Coozy.
- 6 Q. Isn't he located in New York?
- 7 A. He has an office in New York. He has an office
- 8 in Russia and Israel as well.
- 9 Q. Is that what, generally, in the industry, diamond
- 10 industry, when you say you are a direct importer, does it
- 1.1 generally mean that you would import it through someone
- 12 like Aton Coozy?
- 13 A. Sure.
- 14 Q. Was there an incident with Aton Coozy where you
- 15 got diamonds on credit which made Aton Coozy rather angry
- 16 at you?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Was there an incident where you got diamonds on
- 19 credit and you were supposed to have the money for Aton
- 20 Coozy for the diamonds that he gave you, but when he came
- 21 to collect the money, the money was not there, it was
- 22 already spent?
- 23 A. No, not true, no.
- 24 Q. There was never any incident with Aton Coozy --

Mine around the sale of diamonds, correct?

- 2 A. I can't answer for that. I don't know that.
- Q. He didn't sell those other items though that you mentioned.
- 5 A. I think he did, actually. He sold some different
- 6 stuff, yeah, from what I recall, yes.
 - Q. Silver?
- 8 A. No.

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- MR. QUINN: Is that a question?
- 10 Q. Did they sell silver?
- 11 A. I don't know that.
- 12 Q. You said no before.
- MR. QUINN: Objection. That's not a 14 question.
- THE WITNESS: Repeat the question.
- 16 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 17 Q. Did you testify before did you say no when you
- 18 thought I was asking you a question as to whether your
- 19 father sold silver?
- 20 MR. QUINN: That's two questions.
- 21 Q. You thought I asked you a question before as to
- 22 whether your father sold silver; is that correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. And you said no, correct?

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- 1 A. None whatsoever.
- 2 Q. where you got diamonds on credit and you had
- 3 spent the money, you sold the diamonds, spent the money?
- 4 A. Never
- 5 Q. And Aton came time to collect, you didn't have
- 6 it?
- 7 A. Never.
- 8 Q. Do you get a lot of your merchandise COD, cash on
- 9 deposit?
- 10 A. No, I do not. If it's a new company, first time,
- 11 but that's, other than that, no.
- 12 Q. How is your credit?
- 13 A. Very good.
- 14 Q. Do you sell colored stones?
- 15 A. Sure.
- 16 Q. What types?
- 17 A. All types of colored stones.
- 18 Q. What other merchandise do you sell besides
- 19 diamonds?
- 20 A. Pearls, gold, sterling silver.
- 21 Q. What percentage of your business is the sale of
- 22 merchandise other than diamonds?
- 23 A. I don't know that.
- 24 Q. Your father built up the name Van Scoy Diamond

1 A. Correct.

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- 2 Q. Did your father sell silver?
 - A. I'm sorry. I don't understand that.
- 4 Q. Did your father sell silver?
 - A. Does my father –
- 6 Q. Did your father sell silver?
- 7 A. Not that I know. I don't know that.
 - It's a tongue twister.
- 9 A. I don't know that.
- 10 Q. Did your father sell colored stones?
- 11 A. Yeah, yes.
- 12 Q. Have there been complaints about the quality of
- 13 the goods or services provided by Van Scoy Diamond Mine
- 14 of Delaware, your store?
- 15 A. Not to my knowledge at all, no.
- 16 Q. Are you aware of any complaints against any
- 17 Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 18 A. I don't understand the question.
- 19 Q. Are you aware of any complaints against a
- 20 Van Scoy Diamond Mine operating anywhere?
- 21 A. What kind of question what complaints? Yeah,
- 22 there is complaints.
- 23 Q. What complaints are you aware of?
- 24 A. I mean, there is just one that was an appraisal

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- that was done by the plaintiff. And they moved to
- Alabama. And he's a state trooper in Alabama. And they
- 3 quoted, he measured a stone of what it was and said what
- the weight of it was. In fact, they took it to a jeweler
- to have it weighed and to trade it in. And it was not
- 6 anywhere near what it was. And, supposedly, what he told
- 7 me, they were going to contact the Better Business
- 8 Bureau, I believe, back in Wilkes-Barre on that, That
- 9 was one of the latest ones. I remember that.
- Q. Are you aware of any other complaints against --10
- 11 so are you aware of complaints against the Van Scoy
- Diamond Mine being operated by the plaintiff in
- Wilkes-Barre? 13
- 14 A. The one that I know that they contacted - there
- was one letter that was sent to us.
- Q. Why was that letter sent to you? 16
- 17 A. He was, actually, originally from the area and he
- 18 moved away.
- Q. From what area? 19
- 20 A. Delaware.
- 21 Q. He was from Delaware and he moved where?
- 22 A. To Alabama.
- 23 Q. Why did the state trooper send a letter to you? 24
 - MR. QUINN: Asked and answered.

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- looking for the plaintiff, actually, to pursue this. 2
 - Q. What was the plaintiff's name on the certificate?

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- 3 A. It was Wayne Van Scoy.
 - Q. This trooper, did he originally buy the stone
- 5 from the store in Wilkes-Barre or the store in Delaware?
- A. Delaware. 6
 - Q. And the certificate had the plaintiff's name on
- 8 it?

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- A. Yes, it did.
- 10 Q. Do you have any idea why the certificate of the
- 11 store in Delaware would have had, of a diamond sold from
- a store in Delaware would have had Wayne's name on it? 12
- 13 A. I don't know that. I can't answer that.
- 14 Q. Are there any documents related to this?
- 15 A. Yeah. There was something. I can certainly --
- 16 I'll try to find it.
- 17 Q. What would that document have been, a letter to
- 18 you?
- 19 A. It was a letter, yes. It was a letter that was
- 20 sent to me, yes.
- 21 Q. Are you aware of any other complaints against a
- 22 Van Scoy Diamond Mine jewelry store?
- 23 A. Not that I know, no.
- 24 Q. That's the only complaint that you are aware of?

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- 1 MR. PETOCK: No. it's not.
- 2 MR. F. PETOCK: You can answer it.
 - MR. QUINN: The record will show it was
- 4 asked and answered two questions ago.
- 5 BY MR. PETOCK:
- Q. Did the state trooper think there was a 6
- connection between your store and Wayne's store?
- 8 A. No. It was, actually, where he originally
- purchased the ring, where my father had the store there 9 10 originally.

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- Q. He originally purchased the ring from your 11
- 12 father's store?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. What was the next step in this equation?
- 15 A. It was -- the dates exactly I'm not sure. But he
- 16 stated they went to have the stone - he moved down to
- 17 Alabama and had the stone to be traded in. And on the
- appraisal which has the plaintiff's name on it stating 18
- what the quality of the stone is, the color and so forth
- 20 of the stone and the make of the stone and the weight of
- 21 the stone, which, in fact, none of the equations matched,
- 22 quote, unquote, of what this gentleman was stating. And
- 23 he took it to a gemologist down in the area there. And
- 24 he was just trying to follow through with it. And he was

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Have you had any of your brothers or sisters work
- for you at the store, your store?
- 4 A. Yes.
 - Q. Who?
- 6 A. My brother that's deceased, Keith, and my brother
- 7 Kenny.

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- 8 Q. When did Kenny work for you?
- A. Exact dates I'm not sure. I would probably say 9
- 10 approximately three years ago.
- 11 Q. What was Kenny's position at the store?
- 12 A. Sales.
- 13 Q. Has Kenny ever owned a Van Scoy Diamond Mine
- 14 store?
- 15 A. No, not that I know of. No.
- 16 Q. Did you ever speak with Kenny with respect to the
- registered trademark of the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine? 17
- 18 A. I don't understand that question.
- 19 Q. Did you ever speak to Kenny about the registered
- 20 trademark Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 21 A. Prior to the lawsuit?
- 22 Q. Prior to the lawsuit.
- 23 A. Not at all.
- Q. What about after the lawsuit? 24

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- 1 A. Yeah. I was in disbelief. That's pretty much -
- 2 that's all that was really said.
- 3 Q. What were you in disbelief about?
- 4 A. The name, when the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine
- 5 went bankrupt, I was solely under the impression that the
- 6 plaintiff and also Rick Sendrick had a letter made up,
- 7 typed up from an attorney. They paid \$5,000 each to
- 8 state that the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine was worth
- nothing. And I'm under the impression as well that it
- 10 was by the court they demanded to take the name down, Van
- 11 Scoy Diamond Mine.
- 12 And, at that point, I felt there was no need
- 13 whatsoever for a trademark or anything. I mean,
- 4 everybody that's all they wanted to do. They didn't
- 15 want nothing to do with "diamond mine." They wanted
- 16 nothing to do with that. And that's why I, actually, we
- 17 went with Van Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware,
- 18 Incorporated.
- 19 Q. So the bankruptcy, before people were told to
- 20 stop using the mark and stuff, you knew about the
- 21 trademark?
- 22 A. No, I knew nothing. I knew nothing, absolutely
- 23 nothing about any trademark at all, nothing. My father
- 24 gave me a name. That's all I know.

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- 1 basic family gathering for the holidays.
- Q. During that period, 1994 to 2000, that was during
- 3 the bankruptcy, correct?
- 4 A. I don't know that. I'm assuming. I guess. I
- 5 don't know that.
- 6 Q. Was there any talk about the bankruptcy during
- 7 any of those visits home during the holidays between 1994
- 8 and 2000?
- 9 A. I don't recall that.
- 10 Q. Did you ever talk to anyone about the bankruptcy
- 11 during the bankruptcy, anyone? Was it of interest to
- 12 you?
- 13 A. I don't know really. No. I don't know. I don't
- 14 know that.
- 15 Q. Your dad was in the hospital, Christiana Hospital
- 16 in Delaware, in both 1996 and 1998; is that correct?
- 17 A. I believe so.
- 18 Q. Did you see Wayne in Delaware at any time during
- 19 that period?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- 21 Q. Do you remember anything about any conversations
- 22 you had during that period?
- 23 A. Yeah. I mean, just how is he doing? What is the
- 24 status? What's going on? He actually stopped by the

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- 1 Q. Were you aware that in approximately 2000, Kenny
- 2 was placing calls to the trademark office or to anyone
- 3 else about the renewal of the trademark and service mark
- 4 for Van Scov Diamond Mine?
- 5 A. No, no, I do not.
- 6 Q. Would you be surprised to know that Kenny knew
- 7 about the trademark and the fact that it was federally
- 8 registered?
- 9 A. I don't know that. I'm not Kenny.
- 10 Q. Were you ever aware that your father had
- 11 registered a trademark?
- 12 A. No, I was not.
- 13 Q. How often have you seen Wayne since you opened
- 14 the store in 1994?
- 15 A. A handful of times I would have to say.
- 16 Q. Were you home for the holidays, maybe
- 17 Thanksgiving and Christmas, between 1994 and 2000?
- 18 A. Yeah, yes.
- 19 Q. Did you see Wayne during that time?
- 20 A. I would have to say yes.
- 21 O. Could you tell me about any conversations the two.
- 22 you of you had during that period?
- 23 A. Geez, happy holidays. How are you doing? Good
- 24 to see you. Here's your gifts and all that, just your

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- 2 conversations, yes.
- 3 Q. Did he say anything to you when he stopped by the

store to use the bathroom. He was - yeah, I remember

- 4 store to use the bathroom that you recall?
 - A. How are you doing?
 - Q. What year was that?
- 7 A. I don't recall that, what year.
- 8 Q. It was either '96 or '98 though, right?
- 9 A. I would have to say I don't recall that.
- 10 Q. Did you and Wayne get in an argument about
- 11 anything while your dad was in the hospital that you
- 12 recall?

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- 13 A. I don't recall.
- 14 Q. Was there a fight about you not visiting your dad
- 15 in the hospital?
- 16 A. No, I don't recall that.
- 17 Q. You don't recall a fight between you and Wayne or
- 18 where Wayne was disturbed that you were not visiting your
- 19 dad in the hospital?
- 20 A. No. I don't know. I don't recall that, no.
- 21 Q. Do you recall calling Wayne in 2002 or
- 22 approximately 2002 about someone who wanted to open up a
- 23 franchise using the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 24 A. I don't recall that, no, I don't. I really

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1 don't.

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- 2 Q. Did you call Wayne and ask him about someone who
- wanted to use the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
 - A. I don't recall that. That's the same question.
- 5 I don't recall that.
- 6 Q. Has anyone ever approached you about the
- 7 possibility of franchising the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine
- or using the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- 10 Q. Have you called Wayne about anything to do with
- 11 Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 12 A. I don't understand that question.
- 13 Q. Have you ever placed a call to Wayne on the
- 14 telephone asking him questions about anything to do with
- the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 16 A. Not that I know of, no.
- 17 Q. At no time did a person, did a person approach
- 18 you about a possibility of franchising a Van Scoy Diamond
- Mine in Delaware or in any place?
- 20 A. No, I don't recall anything. No, I do not.
- 21 Q. Isn't that something you would remember?
- 22 A. I don't know to be honest. I really don't know
- 23 that. I have my business. I focus on my business.
- Q. Isn't that related to your business?
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- A. When it comes to franchising and all that stuff 2 or whatever, that has nothing to do with me. So, really,
- 3 I don't know that.

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- 4 Q. Why doesn't it have anything to do with you?
- 5 A. Because I have my own business and I focus on my
- own store. And that was my store that was given to me
- 7 with that name.
- 8 Q. In 2003 your mother died, correct?
- 9 A. Yeah, that's correct.
- 10 Q. Do you remember the day you went to pick out the
- 11 caskets?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Do you remember a fight that occurred that day
- between several members of your family, including
- yourself, a verbal fight?
- A. Yes. 16
- 17 Q. What was that fight about?
- 18 A. Everybody going over to my parents' house at the
- time to go have dinner. Everybody has sent food and
- 20 everything to the house where we grew up.
- 21 Q. Could you explain why there was a fight over that
- 22 more specifically?
- 23 A. The plaintiff had some, obviously, some issues
- 24 with some of the family members. And my dad was still

- alive at the time. And we felt that my father is still
- alive, which we feel that it was the appropriate thing to
- 3 do. It was the house that we all grew up in. It was the
- 4 house that my mother, our mother raised us in. And there
- 5 was food over there. And it was very, very hungry. And
- 6 we just wanted to go there and have something to eat and
- 7 sit down and kind of gather our thoughts and our wits and
- appreciate things that we had and where we grew up in. I
- 9 recall that.
- 10 Q. Do you recall specifically what was said between
- 11 you and Wayne?
- 12 A. No, I do not.
- 13 Q. Was anything said about the trademark?
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- 15 Q. Do you remember a conversation between you and
- 16 Wayne that ended up in somewhat of an argument concerning
- 17 your parents going to Atlantic City?
- 18 A. No. Say that question again.
- 19 Q. Do you recall a conversation between you and
- 20 Wayne that ended up becoming a heated conversation and
- 21 what might be characterized as an argument concerning
- 22 your parents going to Atlantic City?
- 23 A. Yes, I do, several.
- Q. What were those -- were they arguments? 24

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- A. Yes. 1
- 2 Q. What were they about?
 - A. He was trying to tell my parents they can't go.
- 4 And he would, actually, withhold my mother's Social
- 5 Security check until that Monday.
- 6 Q. Why, in your opinion - did your parents have
- 7 gambling problems?
 - A. I can't answer that.
- 9 Q. What year was that argument?
- 10 A. I don't recall. It was several.
- 11 Q. Was it recently?
- 12 My mom passed away in 2003.
- 13 Q. Do you think there may have been an argument in
- 14 2003?

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- 15 A. I don't recall.
- 16 Q. Have you been in many arguments with your brother
- 17 Wayne?
- 18 A. Growing up, yes.
- 19 Q. What about recently but before the litigation?
- 20 A. No. I stayed far away. I live in Delaware.
- 21 Q. When you guys talk, does it usually end up in an
- 22 argument?
- 23 A. Not always. 90 percent.
- 24 Q. Have you had any conversations or correspondences

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with Tommy concerning Wayne in general recently?

- 2 A. I don't know, I can't really -- I don't know
- about that. No. I would have to say no. 3
- Q. What about with Tony? 4
- 5 A. And the question would be again?
- Q. Whether you have had any conversations or 6
- 7 correspondences with Tony concerning Wayne.
- A. It's really -- no, no. 8
- Q. Same question as applied to Betsy. 9
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Pam?
- A. No. 12
- 13 Q. Ken?
- A. No. 14
- Q. What do you know about the bankruptcy proceedings 15
- 16 of your father?
- A. I know he filed for bankruptcy. I know the name 17
- 18 was stated as being worth nothing from an attorney that
- 19 wrote up a letter for the plaintiff and Rick Sendrick.
- 20 And that's all I really know. That's my father's
- 21 dealing. That wasn't mine.
- 22 Q. How did you hear about the name being worth
- 23 nothing? How did you hear about this letter that was
- 24 drawn up?

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- Q. What happened to your father that forced him to
- 2 file bankruptcy?
- 3 A. I don't know.
- Q. Did it have anything to do with gambling? 4
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 O. Was your farther a gambler?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 Q. Did your father go to Atlantic City a lot?
- 9 A. I don't know that.
- O. Did you ever know your father to go to Atlantic 10
- 11 City?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- O. Did you ever know your father to lose any amount 13
- of money in Atlantic City? 14
- 15 I didn't know that.
- Q. Did you ever possess any document related to the 16
- 17 bankruptcy?
- A. After the suit, yes. 18
- 19 Q. What about before the suit during the bankruptcy?
- 20 A. No.

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- O. What about that document that you said that Wayne 21
- and Rick had drawn up? 22
- 23 A. What about it?
 - O. Did you ever see that during the bankruptcy?

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- A. Through Rick Sendrick.
- 2 Q. Rick Sendrick told you?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What else did he tell you about it?
- A. That's all. He said the name, that was worth
- nothing. And the plaintiff, your plaintiff, and Rick
- 7 Sendrick had both paid, quote, unquote, \$5,000 to have
- this letter written up and to show the court that the
- 9 name was worth absolutely nothing.
- Q. Did you have any idea as to why they were 1.0
- 11 concerned about showing that the name was worth nothing?
- 12 A. Because they wanted to - I'm assuming just to
- 13 show the court, the bankruptcy court that there is
- 14 nowhere else to go with this. This Van Scoy Diamond Mine
- was in with the bankruptcy and that the value of the name
- 16 Van Scoy Diamond Mine was worth nothing. And that's
- exactly what it came out to, was worth nothing.
- 18 Q. When did you first hear talk about the bankruptcy
- 19 with respect to your father?
- A. He filed what? September, I think, September
- 21 13th. I got married in July. And I foresaw what was
- 22 coming forward. And that's why I opted to certainly go
- out on my own. And my father gave me the name and said
- good luck and I love you very much. I'm proud of you.

- 1 A. During the bankruptcy, no.
- 2 Q. Have you seen it since then?
- A. No. Rick, I believe, said he has a copy though. 3
- 4 Q. When did Rick Sendrick tell you about the letter
- 5 that him and Wayne had drawn up?
- A. Actually, I've heard it several times. 6
- 7 O. When was the first time?
- 8 The first time I don't recall.
- 9 Q. The second time?
- 10 A. I don't recall. Last time probably about a week
- 11
- 12 Q. Did you hear about it when it was being first
- drawn up? 13
- No, it was after, after it was already drawn up. 14
- 15 But that was during the bankruptcy at some point,
- right? 16

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- A. Correct. 17
 - O. Back in the mid '90s?
- 19 A. Right, exactly.
 - MR. PETOCK: I would like to have this
- 21 marked as the next exhibit.
 - (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit No. 9,
- 23 Bankruptcy Petition, was marked for identification.)
- 24 BY MR. PETOCK:

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1 Q. Kurt, what else did you talk about with Rick

- Sendrick recently? 2
- A. That was really it. That was it. I asked for a 3.
- 4 deposition from him or an affidavit stating that he knew
- that Wayne was down here and Wayne knew, certainly, I was
- in the business and all that. And he didn't want to get
- involved. And that's when it was stated that he said
- there was a document that was written up by an attorney.
- 9 And they both had it written up. And it stated that the
- name Van Scoy Diamond Mine was worth nothing.
- 11 Q. Could you tell me more about this affidavit you
- 12 asked him for?
- 13 A. Just to state that Wayne knew - Rick knew that
- 14 Wayne knew that I was down here, basically.
- 15 Q. When did this conversation occur?
- 16 A. About a week ago.
- 17 Q. What else have you talked to Rick about?
- 18 A. That's it.
- 19 Q. Can you tell me what the document is that's in
- 20 front of you?
- 21 A. Yes. U.S. Bankruptcy, Middle District of
- 22 Pennsylvania, Bankruptcy Petition.
- 23 MR. PETOCK: For the record, this is Exhibit
- 24 9 that we are talking about now.

1 Q. How about Thomas Feissner?

- A. I heard the name mentioned, yes.
- 3 Q. Do you know who that is?
 - A. I don't know exactly who he is. I know he was an
- attorney if I'm not mistaken.
- Q. By the way, I'm referring back to Exhibit 9. Is 6
 - this everything that was given to you?
- 8 A. To the best of my knowledge that I know of.
- 9 Q. Is anything missing from it?
- 1.0 A. I don't really recall right now.
- 11 Q. Did you take anything out of it?
- 12 A. Not that I know of. I'm sorry. Not that I know
- 13 of.

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- Q. Regarding Exhibit 9, has anyone else had access 14
- 15 to that document since you got it?
- 16 A. No, not that I know of, no.
 - MR. PETOCK: Mark this Exhibit 10, please.
- 18 (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit No. 10, Order
- 19 Approving Agreement in Settlement of Adversary
- Proceedings and Contested Matters, was marked for
- 21 identification.)
- 22 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 23 Q. Exhibit 10 is an Order Approving the Agreement
- 24 and Settlement of Adversary Proceedings and Contested

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- BY MR. PETOCK:
- 2 Q. Could you tell me where you got this?
- 3 A. Yeah. The Federal Courthouse in Wilkes-Barre.
- 4 Q. Did you personally obtain this?
- 5 A. I did.
- 6 Q. When?
- 7 A. It was shortly after I was notified that I was
- 8 being sued.

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- 9 Q. They printed it for you?
- 10 A. Yes, she did, yeah.
- 11 Q. Why did you go to the Federal Courthouse in
- 12 Wilkes-Barre? What was the purpose of it? What were you
- 13 trying to find out?
- 14 A. I was trying to find out where the bankruptcy
- 15 was. I wanted to, certainly, find out what the name
- issue, certainly worth nothing. Also, I went to find
- out, actually, if it was still ongoing and also to find out how long they actually had the name not being used.
- 19 Q. Whose markings are on this?
- 20 A. I have no idea. All I know is I got copies.
- 21 Q. Did you ever hear the name Robert P. Sheils?
- 22 A. Robert P. Sheils. No. I know a Joe Sheils my
- 23 dad always used to mention, his best friend. I don't
- 24 know if it's any relation or not.

- Matters with Releases and Other Provisions; is that
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Did you obtain this document?
- 5 A. Yes, I did.
- 6 Q. Where did you obtain this document?
- 7 A. Actually, at the bankruptcy court in
- 8 Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.
- 9 Q. Had you ever seen this document?
- 10 A. No. Like I said, it was after I was notified of
- 11 being sued.
- 12 Q. That's the first time you ever --
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. Have you read it since?
- 15 A. No, actually. I mean, it's been a while.
- Q. But, at some point, you have read it since you 16
- 17 obtained it?
- 18 A. After we had the suit, yes.
- 19 Q. What assets of your father's did the bankruptcy
- 20 court seize?
- 21 A. I know nothing of that, what took place.
- 22 Q. When you were home for the holidays, Thanksgiving
- 23 and Christmas, was your father's store always operating
- 24 when you were up there?

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A. No. I believe the majority of 1995, actually,

- 2 that store was closed --
- 3 Q. Why?
- 4 A. - by the sheriff.
- 5 Q. Was that as a result of the bankruptcy?
- 6 A. That is correct, yes.
- 7 Q. Was anything seized?
- 8 A. Whatever was inside they locked up and that was
- 9 it. It shut down.
- 10 MR. PETOCK: Break.
- 11 VIDEO SPECIALIST: This ends Tape Number 3 12 of the video deposition of Kurt Van Scoy. The time is
- 13 1:01.
- 14 (Thereupon, a lunch break was had.)
- 15 VIDEO SPECIALIST: This is Tape Number 4 of
- 16 the video deposition of Kurt Van Scoy. The time is 1:59.
- 17 BY MR. PETOCK:
- O. Kurt, did you speak with your attorney at all 18
- 19 during the break about your deposition testimony that you
- 20 have given or expect to give today?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Before the break, we were talking about the
- 23 bankruptcy and, in particular, what assets the bankruptcy
- court seized from your father or from your father's

know that.

- 2 Q. Did your parents own the house after the
- 3 bankruptcy?
- 4 A. I don't know that. I have been down here. I
- 5 don't know.
- 6 Q. Who owns the house now?
 - A. I don't know. To be honest, I really don't know.
- 8 Q. Have you been to the house since 2000?
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. Did your parents own it then?
- 11 A. I don't know. Did my parents live there? Yeah,
- 12 my parents lived there. Who owned it? That's none of my
- 13 business.
- 14 Q. Were you close to your parents?
- 15 A. Sure, I was close to my parents. Absolutely.
- 16 Q. Yet you didn't know whether they owned the house?
- 17 A. I don't sit down, boy, do you own the house
- 18 today, mom? Do you own the house today, dad? It was
- 19 nothing like that. It was, hi, how are you? I love you
- 20 very much. Good to see. That was really it. There was
- 21 nothing financially mentioning anything.
- 22 Q. Are you aware that Wayne owns the house now?
- 23 I really don't know.
- 24 Q. Would it be a surprise you if I told you Wayne

- company. Can you tell me what was seized?
- 2 A. I don't know.
- 3 Q. Do you know anything that they attempted to
- 4 seize?
- 5 A. I know nothing. I was down here at the time.
- 6 Q. Kurt, didn't you tell me that they seized the
- 7 jewelry from his jewelry store, Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 8 A. I didn't say that, no.
- 9 Q. Did they seize the jewelry from his jewelry
- 10 store?
- 11 A. I can't answer that question. I don't know. I
- 12 was not there.
- 13 Q. Did you hear from anyone as to what they may have
- 14 seized?
- 15 A. All I know, he filed for bankruptcy and they
- 16 closed the store. They padiocked the door.
- 17 Q. So did they seize the store?
- 18 A. They padlocked the front door. That's what I
- 19 heard, yeah.
- 20 Q. What about your parents' house, your father's
- 21 house?
- 22 I don't know any of that information.
- 23 Q. Did the bank try to foreclose on the house?
- 24 A. I don't know any of the information. I don't

- owns the house now?
- 2 A. I wouldn't be surprised I guess. I don't know.
- I don't know the answer to that question really. I 3
- 4 really don't.
- 5 Q. Were you speaking with your brother Tony at all
- 6 during the bankruptcy proceedings?
- 7 A. I spoke to him, yes.
- Q. Were you aware that Tony bid on some diamonds at 8
- 9 auction during the bankruptcy?
- 10 A. I was aware of that, yeah. That was certainly
- mentioned via your plaintiff. 11
- 12 Q. Wayne told you about that?
- 13 A. Yes,
- 14 O. When?
- A. I don't recall. 15
- 16 Q. What else did Wayne tell you about the
- 17 bankruptcy?
- 18 A. That's all. When you mentioned about the
- 19 bidding, I guess, merchandise or whatever, I know that's
- 20 when the plaintiff mentioned it.
- 21 Q. Did Wayne tell you that he was attempting to buy
- 22 the trademark?
- 23 A. Nothing, nothing in the kind.
- 24 Q. Did Wayne ever have any discussions with you

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concerning contributing any money towards a bankruptcy 2 settlement?

- 3 A. No, not that I know. No.
 - Q. Did he have any conversations with you about
- contributing money to anything regarding the bankruptcy?
- 6 A. None whatsoever. Not that I know of, no.
- 7 Q. When did you learn that the plaintiff, Wayne
- Van Scoy, bought the trademark Van Scoy Diamond Mine? 8
 - A. November 18th, 2004. I didn't have any idea of
- anything certainly with a trademark. 2004, yes.
- Q. Has Wayne ever asked you to help pay for the 11 12 trademark?
- 13 A. Nothing of the kind, no.
- 14 Q. Were you aware that the bankruptcy court ordered
- 15 that the Mundy Street Van Scoy Diamond Mine be closed?
- A. Yes, I was aware of that. Yes. 16
- 17 Q. How did you find out about that?
- 18 A. A family member, if I'm not mistaken. I think it
- 19 was my mom actually.
- Q. Do you remember when that was that you found out 20
- 21 about it?
- A. Exact date I don't know. 22
- Q. Was it probably about the date it was forced to 23
- 24 be closed, approximately?

Street location.

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- Q. Did you have any information that they might have
- been forced to take down their mark? Did your mom 4
 - mention that also?
 - A. To be honest with you, I really don't remember.
- б Q. Were you aware that your sister Betsy and her 7
- spouse were enjoined from using the mark by the
- bankruptcy court?
- A. No. I really didn't know.
- Q. Did you ever think that if the bankruptcy court
- 11 knew of your store in Delaware you would have been
- 1.2 enjoined from using the mark also?
- A. I don't see any reason or connection. The store 13
- was closed for 16 months prior to being reopened. But, 14
- 15 also, my father filed for Chapter 13 in September and I
- 16 actually opened up in November.
- 17 Q. Did you ever think that if the bankruptcy court
- 18 learned of your use of the mark, Van Scoy Diamond Mine of
- 19 Delaware, you would have been enjoined from using the
- 20 mark?
- 21 A. Do I? No.
- 22 Q. Why did you think you would have been treated
- 23 differently than other members of your family?
- 24 A. This store was opened, actually, after the fact

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- A. Yeah, I would say probably that day, if not soon after, a few days.
- 3 Q. Were you aware that some members of your family,
- including Wayne, were told that they had to stop using
- the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine by the bankruptcy court?
- A. Say that again. I didn't understand the 6 7 question.
- 8 Q. Were you aware that Wayne was forced to stop
- 9 using the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 10 A. It was along the lines of that, yes. I think it
- 11 was my mom that told me that, yes.
- 12 Q. When do you think she told you that?
- A. Shortly after noticing or being noticed that they 13
- 14 had to take the name down.
- 15 Q. Were you aware of the fact that your sister Pam
- 16 and her husband, Pam and Rick Sendrick, were forced to
- 17 take the name down by the bankruptcy court?
- A. I'm not so much with that. I mean, it was pretty 18
- 19 much, the main was really the 154 Mundy Street location.
- 20 Q. Were you aware that Pam and Rick Sendrick were
- 21 enjoined by the bankruptcy court; in other words, forced
- 22 to stop using the mark?
- 23 A. Again, I don't know. More what we discussed with
- 24 my mom or my parents was more or less the 154 Mundy

- that my father filed for bankruptcy. And the store,
- 2 actually was, there was nothing there. I had to provide everything myself, taking out a personal loan to open the 3
- 4 store and sleep in the back of the store for six months
- to try to get the store started. So there was nothing,
- quote, unquote, handed to me, if you will, or merchandise
- or anything of any sort from my father or anything to do 7
- 8 with the bankruptcy.
- ġ Q. Did you make any effort to avoid the bankruptcy
- 10 court knowing that you were using the mark Van Scoy
- 11 Diamond Mine or the fact that you had a store in
- 12 Delaware?
- 13 A. Avoid, no.
- 14 Q. Was it known in the family that if -- was it
- 15 known within your family, your brothers and your sisters,
- to keep the fact that you had a Van Scoy Diamond Mine in.
- 17 Delaware away from the knowledge of the bankruptcy court?
- 18 A. I don't know that answer. I'm not the rest of
- 19 the family.
- 20 Q. Did you ever ask anyone in the family to keep the
- fact that you had a Van Scoy Diamond Mine in Delaware a 21
- 22 secret from the bankruptcy court or private from the
- 23 bankruptcy court?
- 24 A. No.

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13 don't know.

question.

BY MR. PETOCK:

I'll rephrase.

A. Please.

understand that.

11 store and the name of the store?

15 using the mark, would you have?

18 ask you to stop using the mark?

A. I don't know.

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THE WITNESS: I still don't understand the

Q. Is there a difference between you owning the

Q. Is there a difference between the actual physical

A. I don't understand it. I don't understand it. I

Q. If the bankruptcy court had ordered you to stop

A. Well, if it's by court, I think I would have to.

Q. Did you think the bankruptcy court had a right to

Q. I want to ask you about some of the conversations

22 Specifically, when you were home for the holidays between

24 and Wayne where Wayne brought up your use of the mark of

1994 and 2000, were there any conversations between you

21 you had with Wayne that you previously talked about.

store and you owning the mark in the store?

A. I don't understand the question. I don't

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1 MR. PETOCK: Could we go off the record? 2 VIDEO SPECIALIST: Off the record at 2:09.

3 (Thereupon, a discussion was had off the

4 record.)

VIDEO SPECIALIST: Back on the record at

6 2:10.

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7 BY MR. PETOCK:

8 Q. Kurt, I know you've already answered this

question. But would you, please, answer it again because

10 I'm not exactly clear.

11 MR. QUINN: Then I will not object because

12 you are not clear as to the answer.

13 BY MR. PETOCK:

Q. Why is it that you felt that the bankruptcy court

15 didn't have a right to stop you from using the mark?

16 A. I'm not the bankruptcy court. I can't answer

17 that. I don't know that.

18 Q. Wasn't it your feeling that the bankruptey

19 court - did you feel that the bankruptcy court had a

right to make you stop using the mark?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Why is it that you felt that the bankruptcy court

23 didn't have a right to make you stop using the mark?

24 A. The bankruptcy was already in progress at the

- Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
 - 2 A. Absolutely not.
 - O. What about the time where you, where Wayne was 3

visiting your father in the hospital in 1996 and 1998.

did Wayne ever discuss anything with you concerning your

use of the trademark or mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine? 7

A. When he stopped in to use the bathroom, no, he 8 did not, at our store.

9 Q. What about any other time?

10 A. Nothing, nothing of the kind.

Q. Has Wayne ever talked to you about your use of 11

12 the mark Van Scoy Diamond Mine?

13 A. Not until November the 18th of 2004 was when I

14 knew anything about any kind of a mark, trademark or

anything of any sort. Again, all I know is, in 1994, my 15

father gave me the name and the sign for the business to 16 17 open.

18 Q. I'm not asking you specifically about whether you

knew about the trademark. I'm just asking you whether he

20 ever discussed the name of your store with you. 21

None whatsoever.

22 Q. Did he ever tell you that you were getting away

23 with murder with respect to your use of the trademark?

24 A. Not that I'm aware of, no. No, I would

time when I actually, when I opened the store. It was

already after the fact that the bankruptcy started. He

filed in September. I opened November the 12th of 1994,

November the 12th, 1994. During that time, it's in the proceedings already of what was going on. I was open

after the fact that he already filed for bankruptcy.

7 Q. But the bankruptcy court wasn't concerned about 8 your store. It was concerned about your store's name;

9 isn't that correct?

10 A. I do not know. I can't answer that. I do not

11 know. 12 Q. Do you agree that there is a difference between

13 the fact that the bankruptcy court would make a store close and the fact that the bankruptcy would make a store

15 change its name because of the fact that the bankruptcy

16 court owned the mark?

17 MR. QUINN: I object to the form of that 18

19 MR. F. PETOCK: You have to answer the 20 question. He has an objection as to form.

21 THE WITNESS: What was the question again?

22 MR. F. PETOCK: Can you read it back? 23 (Thereupon, the reporter read back the

24 pending question.)

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1 definitely have to say no.

- 2 Q. Anything to that effect? Did he ever object to
- you, in any way, as to your use of the mark Van Scoy
- 4 Diamond Mine?
- 5 A. None whatsoever.
- 6 Q. Was permission given to your company to use the 7 trademark?
- 8 A. The permission was given to me from my father to use the name Van Scoy Diamond Mine, yes.
- 10 Q. Was it given to your company?
- A. Yeah. 11
- 12 O. How so?
- 13 A. My father.
- Q. Did he tell you that your company had a right to 14
- 15 use the mark?
- 16 MR. QUINN: Already asked already answered.
- 17 So I object.
- 18 BY MR. PETOCK:
- Q. Are you being financed to defend this lawsuit by 19
- 20 any of your family members?
- 21 A. No. I'm not.
- 22 Q. By anyone else?
- 23 A. No, I'm not.

this lawsuit?

24 Q. Is anyone giving you any financial help to defend

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2 A. It's me, myself and I. No. 3

MR. PETOCK: I would like to have this

4 marked as the next exhibit.

5 (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit Nos. 11 and 12.

- 6 Website Pages, were marked for identification.)
- 7 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 8 Q. Just so the record is clear, do you agree that
- 9 Number 11 is a partial printout of your website that was
- 10 hosted at vanscoydiamondmine.com?
- A. Yes. 11
- 12 Q. And do you agree that Exhibit 12 is a printout of
- 13 the website that is currently hosted at
- 14 vanscoydiamondsofdelaware.com?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. Who registered the domain name Van Scoy Diamond
- 17 Mine of Delaware dot com? So we can keep it clear, I'm
- talking about Van Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware dot come.
- 19 There is two different domain names,
- 20 correct? You originally had Van Scoy Diamond Mine of
- 21 Delaware --
- 22 A. Vanscoydiamondmine.com. I don't know what --
- 23 Q. Okay. Sure:
- 24 MR. QUINN: If you are confused, ask him to

- de-confuse you. That all kind of got, you guys got
- talking at the same time. I don't think the record is
- going to be clear. It's certainly not clear in my mind
- 4 as to what was happening.
- 5 BY MR. PETOCK:
- б Q. Did you ever register the domain name 7
 - vanscovdiamondmine.com?
 - A. Yes.

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- 9 MR. QUINN: Objection to the form of the
- 10 question in the sense when he says you, are you referring
- to the defendant personally or the entity, the three 11
- 12 defendants or what?
- 13 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 14 Q. I am referring to you and your company. I'm
- 15 referring to you personally, Kurt. Did you register the
- 16 domain name vanscoydiamondmine.com?
- 17 A. Personally, no.
- 18 Q. Did your company register the domain name
- 19 vanscoydiamondmine.com?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 O. When did that occur?
- 22 A. June -- July 12th, I think, 2002.
- 23 Q. Did someone recently renew the registration?
- 24 A. I'm not sure. I'm really not sure.

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- 1 Q. Did you recently ask someone to renew the
- 2 registration?
- 3 A. No. There was - no, not that I'm aware of, no.
- 4 Q. It was said to expire July 12th, 2005, very
- 5 recently. And now it is going to expire -- it is not
- going to expire to until July 12th, 2006. Can you
- 7 explain that?
- 8 A. I know nothing about it.
- 9 Q. Who designed the website, vanscoydiamondmine.com?
- 10 A. Certified Solutions in Wilkes-Barre,
- 11 Pennsylvania.
- 12 Q. Who hired the designers?
- 13 A. I don't know that.
- 14 Q. Did you hire the designers?
- 15 A. I hired a company, Certified Solutions. Who
- designs in the company and all that, I don't know that. 16
- 17 Q. Did you hire that company to design your website?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did you pay them?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- 21 Q. Do you know who currently is hosting the website?
- 22 A. Right now, as you said, renewal and all that
- 23 stuff, I have no idea. No idea. Vanscoydiamondmine.com?
- 24 Q. Well, yeah.

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1 A. I have no idea, no idea.

MR. QUINN: Wait a minute. You are asking

3 about the current?

MR. PETOCK: Right now I'm asking about the

5 current website, yes.

6 MR. QUINN: And he answered about the former

7 I think.

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8 BY MR. PETOCK:

9 Q. I'm sorry. I'm talking about the former, yes.

10 That's all we talked about so far is

11 vanscoydiamondmine.com, the former.

A. Who has that now? I have no idea, no idea. 12

13 Q. Did you approve the design of

14 vanscoydiamondmine.com?

15 A. The design? It's a web name.

16 Q. Did you design -- did you approve the design of

17 the layout of the individual web pages of

vanscoydiamondmine.com? 18

19 A. Of Van Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware,

Incorporated, yes, our website, yes. 20

MR. F. PETOCK: That's a different question. 21

22 He asked Van Scoy Diamond Mine.

23 THE WITNESS: Then I'm confused. I don't

24 understand the question.

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Q. Would you be willing to assign the domain name

Ż vanscoydiamondmine to Wayne?

3 A. I don't know.

Q. And you have a new website, Van Scoy Diamond Mine

of Delaware; is that correct - or

vanscoydiamondsofdelaware? I'm sorry.

7 A. Yes.

Q. Besides the domain names, are there any

differences between the actual substance of the websites

10 between the website vanscoydiamondmine.com and

11 vanscovdiamondsofdelaware.com?

A. No. 12

13 Q. They are exactly the same in substance?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. I want you to look at Page 3 of

16 vanscoydiamondsofdelaware. It's Exhibit Number 12. Are

you there? 17

A. Do you have directions? 18

19 Q. It's the third page. On that web page, that is a

20 picture of a page on your website, correct?

21 A. That is correct, yes.

22 Q. There is a picture of your store; is that

23 correct?

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24 A. Yes.

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1 MR. PETOCK: I'll repeat the question.

MR. QUINN: I'm going to instruct the

3 witness. Listen very carefully to Mr. Petock's 4 questions. Because there is a close, there is some

similarity and some of the words are identical as

between, if I may characterize it, as the prior website

7 address and domain name and the current one. And so make

it, be very careful that you listen to him carefully so

that you know exactly what he's talking about so that you

10 can give an accurate answer.

11 THE WITNESS: Okay.

12 BY MR. PETOCK:

13 Q. Did you approve the design of the website that

14 was hosted at vanscoydiamondmine.com?

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16 Q. Have you stopped using the website

17 vanscovdiamondmine.com?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. When did you stop using it?

20 A. Exact, I'm not sure. It was shortly thereafter.

21 We had, certainly, the notice of the lawsuit and all

22 that. And that's when pretty much, until we get this

23 thing squared away and find out where we are at, put a

24 holt to that particular website, absolutely.

Q. And your store has a sign on it that says Van

Scoy Diamond Mine; is that correct? 2

A. That is correct.

4 Q. Does this picture show the sign that was given to

you by your father?

A. It certainly does.

Q. Could you tell me what that sign is? 7

A. Yes. Right in the bottom it says "Diamond Mine."

9 That's the sign my father gave to me.

10 Q. At the top of the window; is that correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. So did he give you the "Van Scoy" on the top?

13 A. That was actually there, my landlord actually.

Q. That was already there? 14

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16 Q. Earlier I asked you what remnants of your

17 father's store were left there. And you didn't mention

18 that. Could you explain to me why you didn't mention

19 that?

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20 A. Well, you said inside the store.

21 O. I don't think I did.

A. I'm pretty sure you said inside the store. 22

Q. Okay. What remnants of your father's store, were

there any remnants of your father's store left on the 24

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store or outside the store?

- 2 A. The only thing that was left was actually on the
- 3 top. Just the "Van Scoy" was there. And, actually, the
- "Diamond Mine" part down here is actually inside the
- premises. And that's actually the sign that we took out
- of my father's warehouse, he actually helped me load up
- 7 in the U-Haul truck.
- Q. So your father did not give you a sign that said
- 9 Van Scoy Diamond Mine; he gave you a sign that said 10 Diamond Mine.
- 11 A. Diamond Mine, right. Well, Van Scoy, he said
- 12 part of the sign is there. He says, here, just take the
- 1.3 bottom part. This is what you need, Van Scoy Diamond
- 14 Mine. He left the sign there. The top part he left
- 15 there.
- 16 Q. And the landlord had not taken the sign down?
- 17 A. No, he did not.
- 18 Q. How big is the safe in your store?
- A. Exact, I'm not sure. 19
- 20 Q. Is it a walk-in safe?
- A. No. 21
- 22 Q. What is the sign that the Diamond Mine is made
- 23 out of?
- 24 A. Fiberglass, fiberglass and metal, aluminum.

Van Scoy Diamond Mine throughout the text of the website;

- 2 is that correct?
- A. Van Scoy Diamond Mine of Delaware, Incorporated, 3 4
- yes. 5 O. It doesn't always say Van Scoy Diamond Mine of
- 6 Delaware, Incorporated, correct, in the text; sometimes
- it says Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
- 8 A. It may as well. I'm not sure.
 - Q. The same page we were just looking at that's
- 10 stamped Bates stamped 00312 of Exhibit 11, right there
- 11 right below about, it says "Van Scoy Diamond Mine is a
- 12 direct," and then it's cut off; is that correct?
- 13 A. Yeah, that's correct. Sure.
- 14 Q. Go back to Page Number 3 of Exhibit Number 12.
- 15 It says in the same location, "Van Scoy Diamond Mine is a
- 16 direct diamond importer of the finest quality diamonds."
- 17 Is that what that says?
- 18 A. That is correct.
- 19 Q. So I'm going to ask you again. Do the websites
- 20 that are shown in both Exhibit 11 and 12 refer to your
- 21 jewelry store as Van Scoy Diamond Mine and not Van Scoy
- 22 Diamonds Mine of Delaware, Incorporated, or anything?
- 23 A. I'm not sure of the question. I don't understand
- 24 it.

- Q. Okay. Do the websites, does your website hosted,
 - that was hosted at vanscoydiamondmine.com refer to your
 - jewelry store as Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
 - 4 A. Yes.
 - 5. Q. Does your website at
 - vanscoydiamondsofdelaware.com refer to your jewelry store
 - 7 as Van Scoy Diamond Mine?
 - 8 A. Yes, it does.
 - 9 Q. How many hits did your website hosted at
 - 10 vanscoydiamondmine.com get per month?
 - A. I have no idea. 11
 - 12 Q. Is it the same answer for
 - 13 vanscoydiamondsofdelaware?
 - 14 A. Yeah. I don't know that.
 - 15 Q. Did you offer product for sale through your
 - 16 current website, vanscoydiamondsofdelaware.com?
 - 17 A. It is available. But nothing was sold. Sure.
 - 18 Q. Did you offer products for sale through your
 - 19 website hosted at vanscoydiamondmine.com?
 - 20 A. It's the same website.

 - 21 Q. How is it that you offer products for sale?
 - 22 A. A click on the image that if they see something,
 - 23 they can enlarge it. And if they want to get more
 - 24 information about it, you get more information about it,

- 1 O. And your website -- actually, referring to
- Exhibit 11, it's going to be Docket Number 312, is that
- the same picture that we were just looking at?
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. And this is a page from your website that was at
- vanscoydiamondmine.com?
- 7 A. Say that again. I'm sorry.
- Q. This page that we are looking at is a printout of 8
- one of the pages that was at your website
- 10 vanscoydiamondmine.com?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 MR. F. PETOCK: Clarify this page.
- 13 MR. PETOCK: The page that we are now
- 14 looking at.
- 15 MR. F. PETOCK: Is what page?
- 16 BY MR. PETOCK: 17
- Q. It's identified by Bates Stamp Number 00312; is 18 that correct? It says it on the bottom.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. This also shows a picture of your store with the
- 21 sign Van Scoy Diamond Mine, correct? A. That is correct, yes. 22
- 23 Q. Your website, both of them, both Exhibit Number
- 24 11 and Exhibit Number 12, refer to your jewelry store as

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- click on it or certainly E-mail us if they are interested in purchasing or call us.
- Q. Have you made any sales through your website? 3
- 4 A. One for a mounting. One.
- 5 Q. Do you know where that customer was located?
- A. Actually, it was from a gentleman that I know
- 7 from DOD training. He lives in North Carolina. He
- contacted his son. He had his son go on the website,
- find a mounting that he liked. He contacted me and I
- sent the mounting down to his son.
- 11 Q. Do you have a picture of all your products on
- 12 your website?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. On your current website,
- 15 vanscoydiamondsofdelaware, there are pictures of at least
- 16 716 of your products. Does that sound about right?
- 17 A. Products that are available, sure.
- 18 Q. Did you ever make any sales through your website
- 19 at vanscoydiamondmine.com?
- 20 A. No. Actually, that was, it was a mounting. That
- 21 was it
- 22 Q. That was the sale that you made?
- 23 A. The guy, he said, tell him to go to the website
- 24 and take a look at the mounting.

- O. How far does it extend geographically? 2
 - A. Tri-state area.
- 3 Q. What states are you talking about in the
- tri-state area?
 - A. Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania.
- 6 Q. The entire states?
 - A. No, the tri-state area. Do you know what
- tri-state is? Just the lower southern part of Jersey,
- 9. the tri-state area.
- 10 Q. And how would you define that, as your market?
- 11 Could you define that as your market?
- 12 A. Not necessarily, to be honest with you, no. It's
- 13 more just the Wilmington area market really.
- 14 Q. In your experience, how far does a customer
- 15 travel from their home to purchase a diamond usually?
- A. I can't answer that question. I have no idea. 16
- 17 Q. Do you have a computer at your store?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. What records are kept on your computers?
- 20 A. What's on there? Calendars. What else is on
- 21 there? There is internet access on there, accounts
- 22 payable, excuse me, accounts payable. That's as far as I
- 23 know. I do the bench work.
- 24 Q. Do you have more than one computer?

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- 1 Q. So you made your sale through the website,
- 2 vanscoydiamondmine.com?
- 3 A. He had a style what he was looking for. And I
- told him there was a picture on the website. If you go 5
- to that picture, he took a look at it. And he said I'm going to use your best judgment. Send me what you have
- 7 that looks similar to what he's looking for.
- 8 Q. But that sale was made through
- 9 vanscoydiamondmine.com?
- 10 A. I can't say that, no. Directly through that, no,
- 11 no.
- 12 Q. I mean, when was this purchase made?
- 13 A. Oh, God. Probably 10 months ago, 11 months ago 14 at least.
- 15 Q. So at that time vanscoydiamondsofdelaware didn't
- 16 exist; it was vanscoydiamondmine.com, correct?
- 17 A. I believe so.
- 18 Q. Is Newark, Delaware, a different geographic
- market for diamonds than Wilkes-Barre, PA?
- 20 A. I don't understand that question. What do you
- 21 mean by that?
- 22 Q. How would you define your sales market for your
- 23 business?
- 24 A. Very competitive.

- A. Yeah, there is.
- 2 Q. How many?
- 3 A. Two.

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- 4 Q. Are the same things kept on both computers?
- A. No. Both of them have internet access. One has
- accounts payable. And the other one is just an internet 7
- access and printing things or copying something, stuff 8 like that.
- 9 Q. Where is the computer located that you keep your
- 10 invoices in and things other than the internet access? 11
 - A. That's the other computer at the store.
- 12 Q. Where is it located in the store?
- 13 A. In the back at my wife's a desk.
- 14 Q. What were your gross sales last year?
- 15 A. I have no idea.
- 16 Q. Approximately.
- 17 A. I have no idea.
- 18 Q. What were your gross profits last year?
- 19 A. I have no idea.
- 20 Q. Approximately.
- A. I have no idea. 21
- 22 Q. Can you tell me how much you made last year?
- 23 A. Really, I have no idea. I really don't. I have
- 24 no idea.

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- Q. How do you record sales?
- A. I don't understand the question.
- 3 Q. How do you record how many sales you make? Your 4 sales, how do you record that? How do you write that
- 5 down? How do you keep a record of it?
 - MR. QUINN: How many questions is that?
- 7 MR. PETOCK: They are all the same, Charlie.
- 8 MR. QUINN: Then ask them one at a time,
- 9 please.
- BY MR. PETOCK:
- 11 Q. How do you record your sales?
- 12 A. As they come in, account cards.
- 13 Q. Explain it to me, please.
- 14 A. Someone, they buy something. You have a receipt.
- 15 You come in the back. They put it in the box. At the
- end of day, you come out. You take the receipt out. You
- mark down the deposit, what it is. If it's a sale, it's
- a sale. The girl takes the receipt, brings it over here.
- 19 Her name is John Doe. Okay. This is what she has. And
- 20 it's on an account card and you put it in the file.
- Q. At some point, do you have one master list with
- 22 all your sales?
- 23 A. No. It's something I don't do. The girls do. I 24 don't know.

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- Q. Who does do it?
- 2 A. My staff actually.
- 3 Q. Is there one person in charge of doing that?
- A. No, not really.
- 5 Q. Do you have an accountant?
- 6 A. I do.
- Q. Would your accountant know what your sales were
- for last year or the year before or the year before that?
- 9 A. I would hope so. Sure.
- 10 Q. What is the name of your accountant?
- 11 A. Jim Bellinger.
- 12 Q. How do you record what your expenses are?
- 13 A. That's why I have an accountant.
- 14 Q. How does your accountant find out what your
- 15 expenses were?
- 16 A. That's something you would have to ask my
- 17 accountant to be honest. I don't know. I really don't
- know. Your accounts payable, your expenses, all that, it 18
- 19 all spits right out. That's his department.
- 20 Q. So you don't keep track of what your expenses
- 21 are?
- 22 A. No, I don't, to be honest with you.
- 23 Q. Do you use E-mail to communicate?
- 24 A. Very little. Me personally, very little.

- Q. Who in the store records your sales? Just name
- 2 every person that records your sales.
- 3 A. The names I gave to you before really.
 - Q. Give them to me again, please.
- 5 A. Sands Shoemaker, Karen Vale, Annette D'Angelo,
- б Lori McMichael and Megan Rump.
 - Q. And then at some point -- they record the sales.
- 8 How do they record the sales? By writing out a sales
- 9 receipt; is that how they record the sales?
- 10 A. No. They take the sales receipt that comes in.
- 11 And you have an account card. And you take the name and
- 12 you write down the name, the street address. All the
- 13 information they put on a card and that goes in an
- 14 alphabetical box. And that's how you keep your accounts.
- 15 Q. And, at some point, does that box get transferred
- 16 to someone else?
- 17 A. No. It stays there for the year. People come
- 18 in. They make payments, what they bought. You don't
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- 20 Q. Do all those sales eventually get added up by
- 21 someone?
- 22 A. By the end - when you do your printouts on your
- 23 computer for the end of the year, sure. You have your
- deposits and what you put in and all your expenses and
- all that.
- 2 Q. You didn't mention anything about anything
- 3 getting put in the computer.
- 4 A. Well, when you are talking about accounts
- 5 payable, when you got accounts payable, you have your
- 6 total amounts of your income, what you took in, what your
- 7 expenses are and what your actual expenses were. It
- 8 breaks your expenses down and all that, your rent and
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- your payable and all that stuff. It, basically, just
- 10 breaks everything down.
- 11 Q. So all of that is inputted into your computer?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. So that's all information that is in your
- 14 computer?

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- 15 A. Yeah, I mean, I guess. That's where my
- accountant comes in. I would have to assume, yes. 16
- 17 Q. Who puts it in the computer?
 - A. Actually, that's my wife.
- 19 Q. How come you didn't tell me this when I first
- 20 asked you?
- 21 MR. QUINN: Objection. I don't think that's
- 22 a fair characterization of what was asked before.
- 23 BY MR. PETOCK:
- 24 Q. So when does your wife input this information

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1 into the computer?

- 2 A. Almost on a daily basis I would say.
- 3 Q. Would she know what your gross profits were for 4 last vear?
- 5 A. I don't know. I would doubt it. But I can't 6 answer for her.
- Q. Did your father ever have a situation where one 7 of his licensees stopped paying royalties to him?
 - A. I have no idea. I do not know.
- Q. Does Mark Mower currently operate a jewelry store 11 in Allentown?
- 12 A. My recollection, I believe he does, yes.
- 13 Q. Do you know what name it is?
- A. I think it's actually three different it's 14
- three guys that are joined together. But it's Van Scoy 15
- 16 something and something.
- 17 Q. Do you know if he has any other stores?
- 18 A. I don't know. I never really discussed with him
- 19 about anything else.
- Q. Mark Mower, at one point, operated a Van Scoy 20
- 21 Diamond Mine; is that correct?
- 22 A. I believe so, yes.
- 23 Q. At some point it went out of business; is that
- 24 correct?

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- 1 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. Are you aware, at any time, of Mark Mower
- operating a jewelry store by the name of Avalon Jewelers?
- 4 A. No. Actually, I'm not really aware of that.
- 5 Q. When you say you are not really aware of that,
- could you tell me what that means?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you retain the E-mails that you send or do you 8 9
- delete them?
- A. I don't do that myself. So I can't answer that. 10
- 11 I don't know.
- 12 Q. Who does do that?
- A. Usually Lori McMichael. 13
- 14 Q. What is Lori McMichael's job duty in that regard?
- 15 A. Change the garbage, wipe the windows, sell a
- ring, buff a ring, run to the post office, check E-mails,
- copies. We're all, we just do what has to be done.
- 18 There is no set, you are this, you are that, you are
- 19 that, you are that, you are that. It's a team. We work
- 20 as a team.
- Q. Have you told Lori McMichael that she has a duty
- 22 not to erase E-mails related to this case?
- 23 No. To be honest with you, no.
- 24 Q. Did you know you had a duty to tell her that?

1 A. No, I did not.

2 MR. PETOCK: Let's take a break, please.

VIDEO SPECIALIST: Off the record at 2:48.

4 (Thereupon, a short recess was had.) 5

VIDEO SPECIALIST: Back on the record at

6 2:57.

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7 MR. QUINN: I want to make it clear that,

when this suit started and the issue came up about the retention of electronic communications related to the 9

case, that Mr. Van Scoy was instructed to retain anything 10

relating to the case that was in electronic form, whether

12 it be E-mail or otherwise, that he had or generated

13 during the course of the suit.

14 Now, what he uses or did use or does use his 15 E-mail or doesn't use his E-mail for is another issue.

But those were the instructions that he was given. 16

17 THE WITNESS: Yeah, anything regardless to 18 the case is certainly anything - and we don't use E-mail

19 for that. We have everything that was mailed to us from

the beginning to where it stands right now. But anything 20

via E-mail regarding the trademark or anything about the 21

22 case itself, there is nothing there. If there is, there

23 is absolutely, it's still available I'm sure.

Again, everything was done through mail.

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- 1 E-mail is certainly with the business wise. Do you have
- a ruby ring for X amount of dollars and all that? Sure. That's a different thing. That's not regarding the case 3
- 4 itself.
- 5 BY MR. PETOCK:
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- Q. Did you talk about the substance of your
- deposition testimony during the break with your lawyer? 7 8

MR. QUINN: I refreshed his recollection.

9 MR. PETOCK: I didn't ask you, Charlie. 10 MR. QUINN: I'm telling you what was

discussed during the break. I refreshed his recollection 11

as to the instructions that were given. 12 13

MR. PETOCK: But I didn't ask you.

MR. QUINN: I'm putting it on the record 14 15 whether you asked me or not. It's on the record.

16 MR. PETOCK: You put that on the record

17 before I get the answer from him?

18 MR. QUINN: I just did.

19 MR. F. PETOCK: Talking objection when there

20 is a question pending. 21

MR. QUINN: There was no question pending.

22 MR. F. PETOCK: There certainly was. 23

MR. PETOCK: You read the case that we gave you. That's exactly what I'm allowed to do, ask that

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MR. QUINN: There was no question asked when I put that on the record. That's why I said to the lady

I wanted to put something on the record when she started.

MR. F. PETOCK: After you finished your statement he asked the question. The witness was asked a question and then you interjected. And that's the question that was asked.

MR. QUINN: The record will show what the record shows. It is what it is.

11 BY MR. PETOCK:

12 Q. How far back --

13 MR. F. PETOCK: You didn't get an answer to 14 that question.

15 BY MR. PETOCK:

16 Q. Well, did you talk about the substance of your 17 deposition testimony during the break?

18 A. He informed me on something, yes.

Q. About what areas of your testimony already given, 19

were expected to be given did you consult with Mr. Quinn?

A. He was just saying with the E-mails, what more 21

defined of what we meant, if anything, is revolving 22

around the trademark issue or about this case in via

24 E-mails is what he's saying, if that was deleted or not

or anything. And I said I don't do any E-mailing of any

sort certainly with that about this case or the

trademark. Everything is by paper mailed via mail to us.

I have a stack that high of everything that was mailed to

us through this whole thing. 6

So that's what he was correcting me about. He said if there is a ring and it's a ruby and all that other stuff, that has nothing to do with the case itself or the trademark.

10 Q. You just mentioned a stack of papers --

11 A. From what you —

Q. - concerning the case. Have they been produced 12

13 to us?

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14A. It's what you have produced to us and what we

15 have been sending back and forth to you. It's

16 accumulating as we go. That's what I'm talking about as

17 a stack of papers.

18 Q. Do you want to change your deposition testimony

19 as a result of anything that Mr. Quinn said to you during

20 the break?

21 A. No.

22 Q. How far do the records that you keep go back, the

23 tangible records, not the ones on your computer?

24 A. From 1994. Page 164

Q. How far do the records go back that you keep on 2 your computer?

3 A. That I can't -- I can't answer that. I can't

answer that. I don't know.

Q. Who could answer that?

6 A. Probably my wife. 7

Q. How much do your employees get paid per year?

8 A. I don't know that.

9 Q. Approximately how much? 10

A. I have no idea.

11 Q. Do some get paid more than others or do they all

12 get paid the same amount?

13 A. I have no idea.

14 Q. Do you know if they make more than \$50,000 a

15 year?

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16 I don't know that,

Q. Do you have a blue safe in your store?

18 A. Actually, yeah. That's from the landlord. Yes.

19 Q. Was it, at one point, your father's safe?

20 A. I don't know that to be honest with you. When we

opened up and the safe was in there. And my landlord 21

22 said, if you can get it open, you can use it. That's his

23 exact words. He did.

24 Q. Were you able to get it open?

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A. Actually, yeah. I had a guy open it up, yeah.

2 There is a tan safe that my father helped me move down.

3 Q. If you were a betting man, would you bet that

4 that safe was probably your father's?

5 MR. QUINN: Objection to the form of the 6 question.

7 BY MR. PETOCK:

8 Q. Do you think that safe was probably your father's 9

safe?

10 I have no idea. I really don't.

11 Q. Did you ever see that blue safe in the store when

12 you worked in your father's Delaware store in Churchmans

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14 A. To be honest, he had a lot of safes. Blue safes,

15 I really, I don't know that. All I know is what he gave

16 me to bring down to the store.

Q. You understand now that you have a duty to 17

18 preserve evidence, correct?

19 A. Absolutely, sure.

20 Q. Related to the case.

21 A. Correct.

22 MR. PETOCK: I would like to move the

23 following three exhibits into evidence: The tax returns

24 that were produced for 2002, tax returns produced for

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     2003.
                                                                    correct?
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             MR. QUINN: '02, '03, '04?
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 That's correct.

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             MR. PETOCK: Yeah.
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                                                                      Q. And those are all the documents you produced with
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             (Van Scoy Deposition Exhibit Nos. 13, 14 and
                                                                    respect to that question?
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     15, Tax Returns, were marked for identification.)
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                                                                      A. Yes.
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             VIDEO SPECIALIST: This ends Tape Number 4
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                                                                            MR. PETOCK: I'm going to put on the record
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     of the video deposition of Kurt Van Scoy. The time is
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                                                                    that this deposition is left open because all of the
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     3:06.
                                                                    documents in respect to that request have not been
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             (Thereupon, a short recess was had.)
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                                                                    produced. But other than that, I have nothing more for
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             VIDEO SPECIALIST: This is Tape Number 5 of
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                                                                    today.
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     the video deposition of Kurt Van Scoy. The time is 3:11.
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                                                                            MR. QUINN: Okay. I have nothing.
     BY MR. PETOCK:
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                                                                            VIDEO SPECIALIST: This concludes the video
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       Q. Do you know what a trade name is, Kurt?
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                                                                    deposition of -
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      A. I'm not sure I understand the question.
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                                                                            MR. F. PETOCK: One more thing. You reserve
      Q. Do you know what the word - do you know what the
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                                                                    the right to read and sign the deposition? Does your
    phraseology "trade name" is? Do you know what a trade
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                                                                    client reserve that right?
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     name is?
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                                                                            MR. QUINN: I assume you want to do that, do
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      A. A trademark name?
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                                                                    you not, read and sign the deposition? You want the
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      Q. Is there a difference between a trade name and a
                                                               19
                                                                    opportunity to read your transcript?
2.0
    trademark?
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                                                                           THE WITNESS: Sure.
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      A. I don't know.
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                                                                           MR. F. PETOCK: I want the court reporter to
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      Q. Okay. That's fine. Did your company help
                                                               22 keep the transcript. And the court reporter, for
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    finance Tovon or your brother Tommy in any way?
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                                                                   convenience, can send the signature sheet and errata
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                                                                   sheet to you. But the court reporter should retain the
      Q. Did your company cosign on any loans or anything?
                                                                  original of the transcript.
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                                                                        VIDEO SPECIALIST: This concludes the video
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                                                                  deposition of Kurt Van Scoy. The time is 3:14.
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      Q. Did you help him in any way?
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                                                                        (Thereupon, the deposition concluded at 3:14
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                                                                  p.m.)
      A. No.
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Q. Your company? A. Nothing, no. Q. I'm going to show you Exhibit 13, 14 and 15. Could you tell me what they are? 9 A. That's 1120-S Forms, income tax forms for 10 S Corporation, 2002, 2003 and 2004. 11 MR. F. PETOCK: For what corporation? 12 THE WITNESS: Van Scoy Diamond Mine of 13 Delaware, Incorporated. 14 BY MR. PETOCK: 15 Q. Are those the documents that you produced in 16 response to your Notice of Deposition? 17 A. Yes. 18 MR. QUINN: Among others. They are not all, 19 correct? 20 MR. PETOCK: Yes, that's correct. 21 BY MR. PETOCK: 22 Q. Those are the documents that you produced in

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response to our request for advertising expenditures from

the year you opened your store until the present; is that

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State of Delaware) New Castle County) CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER I. Anne L. Adams, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public, do hereby certify that there came before me on the 26th day of July, 2005, the deponent herein, KURT VAN SCOY, who was duly sworn by me and thereafter examined by counsel for the respective parties; that the questions asked of said deponent and the answers given were taken down by me in Stenotype notes and thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction. I further certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the testimony given at said examination of said witness. I further certify that I am not counsel, attorney, or relative of either party, or otherwise interested in the event of this suit. Anne L. Adams Certification No. 105-RPR (Expires January 31, 2008)

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